

Birding Trip Report to Vietnam and Laos

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Introduction

This report covers a birdwatching trip of 4 week through Vietnam from the South to the North, with an interruption of 3 days in Laos. It was a private tour, without any help of a tour company.

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Books and CD's

- "A Field Guide to the Birds of South-east Asia" by Craig Robson
- The Rough Guide to Vietnam

Visa

Vietnam: multiple entry visum from the embassy in Brussels: €90

Laos: single entry visum at the border crossing in Cau Treo: US\$31. Crossin the border is going very fast without any problem at all.

Exchange rate

€1 = 27400VND (rate at airport Ho Chi Minh)

€1 = 26120VND (ATM in Lao Cai)

US\$1 = 7900Kip (rate at border crossing Cau Treo)

Trip reports and information on the internet

Main source for finding trip reports on the internet is www.travellingbirder.com.

The following reports contain the most usefull information:

- [Vietnam 22nd Nov. – 14th Dec. 1999 by Paul Holmes \(not on internet\)](#)
- [Northern Vietnam, 4-20 January 2002, Remco Hofland](#)
- [Vietnam 7th March – 4th April 2002 by Sam Woods and Andy Adcock \(not on internet\)](#)
- [Vietnam, April 4-23 – 2003 Måns Grundsten & Johan Stållberg](#)
- [April 8 – June 5 2003 by Frank E. Rheindt](#)
- [Vietnam, 28 November 2003 - 14 January 2004 by Thaïs & Howard Armstrong](#)
- [Vietnam, 25 February – 24 March 2006 by Henk Hendriks \(good maps!\)](#)
- [Vietnam: Sapa and Tam Dao, December 16 – 20, 2006 by Gary and Marlene Babic](#)
- [South Vietnam: Endemics and Pittas, April 3 - April 15, 2007 by David Diskin](#)
- [Tam Dao and Cuc Phuong, Viet Nam 29 April – 7 May 2006 by Björn Anderson](#)
- [Central and South Viet Nam \(Phong Nha, Bach Ma, Lo Xo, Tan Phu, Cat Tien, Ta Nung and Mt Lang Bian\) 14-25 March 2008 by Björn Andersson](#)
- [Vietnam: South Annam 13 December 2008 - 1 January 2009 Vincent van der Spek \(website no longer available at the moment I was writing our report\)](#)
- [Birding trip Vietnam \(South\) and Malaysia \(West\) 29 Nov - 19 Dec 2009 by J. van der Woude](#)
- [Lao PDR: The Baldbul twitch 1st – 4th dec 2009 by Low Bing Wen Albert](#)
- [Central and south Laos 3-16 December 2009 by George Wagner Vietnam & Cambodia 15 January – 12 February 2010 by Raoul Beunen](#)
- [Bird trip report to Vietnam: February 18th – March 7th 2010 by W. Van Splunder and H. Groot](#)
- [Vietnam 01/03 – 31/03/2010 by Hans Matheve](#)
- [Viet Nam 13/11/2010 - 22/11/2010 by Clayton Burne](#)
- [Birding trip report Southern Annam, Vietnam Nov 24th – Dec 3rd 2010 by Peter Schmidt](#)
- [Vietnam, January 04 – 13, 2011. - Dalat Highlands, Di Linh and Cat Tien by Bengt Legnell](#)
- [Endemic birds and endangered primates in the heart of Indo-China 5th –28th February 2011 by Bao Nguyen](#)

Also highly recommendable are the following websites:

- [Birdquest](#). Reports that give a good impression about the birds you can expect and give an idea about the places you have to visit.
- [Birdtourasia](#). Reports that give a good impression about the birds you can expect and give an idea about the places you have to visit.
- [Birding2Asia](#) by Stijn de Win. Very usefull information, species list and maps of [Na Hin](#) and [Tam Dao](#).
- [Vietnam Birding](#) by Richard Craik. Very usefull information of places, species and links to interesting information.
- [Birdwatching Vietnam](#) by Nguyen Hoai Bao. Usefull information about a few species and places.
- [Xeno-Canto](#)
- The website of [Hanno Stamm](#) with lots of info about birding in Vietnam
- The [blog](#) of many birders in Vietnam with a lot of info.

Maps

- Vietnam, Süd: 1:600.000, Reise Know-How
- Vietnam, Nord: 1:600.000, Reise Know-How

GPS-coordinates

I made a lot of coordinates and registered many tracks. For more details, please contact me.

Visited sites

➤ Vietnam

- **Tan Phu Forest**

This forest is +/- 120 km from Ho Chi Minh. The nearest town is Dinh Quan. Accomodation is easy to find here. More information about this place can be found on [Birdwatching Vietnam](#). There is a map with territoria of [Orange-necked Partridge](#) on this site. This partridge is the main target at the place and it is probably easier to see the species here than in Cat Tien NP. We spent half a day and one morning in the forest. Finding accessible trails was not so easy. The first day we entered the area from the wrong (southwest) road. To reach the forest from this road you have to walk through the small villages, fields and orchards. From here we even did not find a trail that was going into the forest. So we only searched along the forest edge. The second day we entered the forest from the eastern road. This is going through the forest and you will find a few trails going into it from the western side of the road. However these trails are not going that far into the forest. We tried to enter further into the area but we did not succeed. Playing playback from the trails did not result in responding birds. Probably in spring the partridges are more responsive. [Nguyen Tran Vy](#) is a guide who studied the partridges in this forest.

Highlights: none

- **Cat Tien NP**

In a lot of trip reports you will find useful information and maps about this national park. I am not going to repeat all of this information in our trip report. Here are just a few comments. Like all the other prices in the park (see “Accommodation” and “Transport”), the entrance fee has increased recently and is nowadays VND50.000/pp/day. Also to enter the Bau Cau Trail you have to pay VND100.000/day/pp.

Highlights: Siamese Fireback (Bau Cau Trail), Germain’s Peacock-Pheasant (1 Bau Cau Trail and HQ trails), Pale-headed Woodpecker (+/- 450 meter further then the start of the Bau Cau Trail, along the main track to Da Lay), Blue-rumped Pitta (BC Trail), Bar-bellied Pitta (BC Trail and HQ trails), Scaly-crowned Babbler (HQ trails), Gray-faced Tit-Babbler (HQ trails), Purple-naped Sunbird.

- **Deo Nui San Pass**

More info about this place can be found in the trip reports of Hans Matheve and others. We were only birding along the main road and into the forest, about 50 metres behind the tea shop. From the tea shop on we walked back in the direction of Di Linh for a few kilometres.

Highlights: Red-vented Barbet, Indochinese Barbet, Black-headed Parrotbill, Black-hooded Laughingthrush, White-cheeked Laughingthrush, Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Black-headed Sibia, Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler.

- **Dalat region**

In a lot of trip reports you will find information about the places near Dalat. Here is some recent additional information.

- **Ta Nung Valley**

This valley is bought by a resort. A new, bigger gate was already placed. Also they are building a new road to the dam. At the moment we were there, they were constructing a new, bigger dam. They also started making a new road on the leftside of the dam. This road seems to go into the forest in the future. Many piles of soil were placed at the edge of the forest, making it difficult to find the trails. We had to climb over the piles to find the start of the trails into the forest. The birds were still there, but for how long?



Recent constructions in Ta Nung Valley

Highlights: Blue-bearded Bea-eater, Indochinese Barbet, Gray-bellied Tesia, Gray-crowned Crocias, Rufous-backed Sibia, Black-headed Sibia, Blue-winged Minla of the local race *orientalis*, Black-throated Sunbird of the local race *johnsi*, Vietnamese Greenfinch (on the electric wire along the main road just above the valley).

○ **Ho Tuyen Lam**

Along the lake, large scale construction works were going on or are planned. 450 villas, 4- and 5-star hotels and a large golf course are going to be built, especially along the eastern side of the lake and on the peninsular. Luckily Suoi Tia, at the southwest corner of the lake and the place where we saw all our targets, is still safe for these threats. However small scale logging of the large trees is going on here. The trail we found into the forest seemed to be a logging trail. After following it for about 1 km, we came to a place where they just chopped down one of the bigger trees. The wood was transported out of the forest by motorbikes. It was right on this place that we saw Vietnamese Cutia and Gray-crowned Crocias. In the more open pine forest, we observed the Crossbill.

Highlights: Oriental Hobby, Indochinese Barbet, Burmese Shrike, Slender-billed Oriole, Black-throated Tit of the local race *annamensis*, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Black-headed Parrotbill, White-cheeked Laughingthrush, Vietnamese Cutia, Gray-crowned Crocias, Black-headed Sibia, Blue-winged Minla of the local race *orientalis*, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler, White-throated Rock-thrush and Red Crossbill of the local race *meridionalis*.

○ **Lang Biang Mountain**

There is a lot of information in other trip reports about this place. Map in trip report of Henk Hendriks.

Highlights: Yellow-vented Pigeon, Wedge-tailed Pigeon, Burmese Shrike, Dalat Shrike-Babbler, Black-throated Tit of the local race *annamensis*, White-spectacled Warbler, Gray-cheeked Warbler, Black-crowned Fulvetta, Collared Laughingthrush (at the start of the final climb to the top, just after you left a gully), Blue-winged Minla of the local race *orientalis*.

○ **Bi Doup Nui Ba National Park and Khanh Hoa Trail**

Our plan to visit Bi Doup came after we found photographs of [Indochinese Fulvetta](#) on Orientalbirdimages. We did not find any trip report that mentioned this national park.

The park is named after the 2 highest peaks of the Lang Biang Plateau: Bidoup (2287m) and Lang Biang (2167m). It has a total area of 70.038 hectares and is one of the largest parks in Vietnam. The park has been opened recently for (foreign) tourists. An English information brochure is available. E-mail: bidoupnuiba@vnn.vn or bidouptour@gmail.com and have a look at www.bidoupnuiba.gov.vn.

After a few mails (when planning the trip) I came into contact with [Hung Vu Thanh](#). He is working at the park's office in Dalat. We met him there. Arranging everything was very easy. We had to pay an entrance fee of

10.000VND/pp. Hung Vu also arranged early morning transport to the Klong Klanh Pass. We paid an outrageous amount of money for this transport, namely 1.800.000VND.

To reach the top of Bidoup Mountain, you can take a southern trail (from the Bidoup center) and a northern trail (from the Klong Klanh center). The southern is the longest and when you take this one, you have to walk a long distance before you reach the higher parts of the mountain. We took the northern route. From this side, the walk to higher altitude is shorter. Also the Bidoup center is only accessible by motorbike, the other one by car.

From both places, you have to cross the same river to enter the park. At the moment we were there, the water was high and wild. Therefore, we did not take the risk to cross it. Unfortunately, we were not informed about the poor status of the bridge from beforehand. This “bridge” at the Klong Klanh side, is only made of 2 small trunks and a rope. Hung Vu told us that one of the following years, they are going to make better bridges on both places. Hopefully others have more luck when visiting this place in the future.

There were not much alternatives for Bi Doup Mountain. We were brought to a steep trail up in the forest at the border of the Lam Dong and Khanh Hoa provinces. So we walked up the Khanh Hoa trail (sign at left side of the road at the province border, just behind a building). The weather was not good at all and we saw few birds. Last option we had was to do some roadside birding between Klong Klanh Pass and Dalat. Here we saw our only Yellow-breasted Magpies of the trip.

Highlights: Dalat Shrike-Babbler (Khanh Hoa trail), Yellow-breasted Magpie, Gray-cheeked Warbler, Black-crowned Fulvetta (Khanh Hoa trail), Black-headed Sibia, Blue-winged Minla of the local race *orientalis*.

• Deo Mang Den

This is the only easy accessible site for Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush at the moment. See also the e-mail that Simon Mahood put on the Oriental Bird Club e-mail group (April 2010). An article about this site is in preparation by him and soon it will be published in [BirdingAsia](#).

I just have 2 comments on this place. Large road improvements were started at the side track. When driving to Dak Tang (to the north) along the main road, logging was going on almost everywhere, but luckily not yet on the places for the Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush.



Road construction in Deo Mang Den.

Highlights: Brown Hornbill, Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler (1 bird along the side track), Black-hooded Laughingthrush, White-cheeked Laughingthrush, Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush (calling birds on both the main road and the side track).

- **Lo Xo Pass – Dak Blo Road**

There is more information about this place in other trip report, see for example the reports of Hans Matheve and Björn Anderson. The photo in the trip report of Wim van Splunder is probably taken on the Dak Blo Road and is not from the main road.

We were not allowed to go on the Dak Blo Road by the guards. After a short discussion with them, they changed their mind. If we would pay them US\$100, we could go up the road. We refused and decided to focus on the patches of forest along the main road to find the Black-crowned Barwing. And we succeeded.

Probably is it necessary to go on the Dak Blo Road to have a chance for Crested Argus and Red-tailed Laughingthrush but all the other species are possible along the main road.



Lo Xo Pass

Highlights: Wreathed Hornbill, Sultan Tit of the local race *gayeti*, Black-crowned Barwing (+/- 400 meters south of the Waterfall, just near the road).

- **Quang Binh Province Road**

This place is a good alternative for Bach Ma NP. At the time that we were in Vietnam, Bach Ma was even closed for visitors because they were making a new road. Quang Binh was first visited by Simon Mahood. Read his story and all the information about this place [here](#). Possibly Edwards's Pheasant is living in this lowland forest.

Highlights: Vietnam Partridge, Pied Falconet, White-winged Magpie, Black-browed Fulvetta, Gray-faced Tit-Babbler.

- **Cuc Phuong**

There is a lot of information in other trip reports about this place. Map in trip report of Henk Hendriks. Entrance fee: 20.000VND/pp.

Highlights: Scaly-breasted Partridge of the local race *tonkinensis* (calling just near the start of the trail at the restaurant side), Pied Falconet, Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl (along the main road +/- 300 m from the restaurant in the directions of the HQ), Red-vented

Barbet, Eared Pitta (the Grid), Blue-rumped Pitta (the Grid), Bar-bellied Pitta (the Grid), Asian Stubtail, Pale-footed Bush-Warbler, Black-browed Fulvetta, Rufous-throated Fulvetta, Limestone Wren-Babbler, Rufous-tailed Robin, Black-breasted Thrush, Japanese Thrush.

- **Sapa region**

For both places, the best maps can be found in the trip report of Remco Hofland. More information is also in the reports of Hans Matheve and Henk Hendriks.

Visiting Ham Rong Gardens in Sapa was not necessary to see all the target species.

- **Hoang Lien NP (Fansipan Mountain)**

Entrance fee Golden Stream Love Waterfall: 30.000VND/day

Entrance fee Fansipan Trek: 150.000VND/day

In this national park, forest destruction is going on. On the flanks of the streams at the lower parts of the Fansipan Trek and in Ward's Valley, all the undergrowth is cut down for cultivating cardamom. We saw bamboo and other scrub that was cut down only a few days ago. White-throated Wren-Babbler did already disappear from the area and I think that other species, like Pale-throated Wren-Babbler, will also disappear in the future when this destruction is going on.



Nice scenery in Hoang Lien NP



Forest destruction in Hoang Lien NP



Cardamom plantation in Hoang Lien NP

Highlights: Brown-breasted Bulbul, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Gray-bellied Tesia, Black-faced Warbler, Broad-billed Warbler (higher parts to Camp 2), Chinese Leaf-Warbler, Golden-breasted Fulvetta, White-browed Fulvetta (higher parts to Camp 2), Streak-throated Fulvetta (lower parts of Fansipan Trek), Golden Parrotbill (Ward's Valley), Whiskered Yuhina, Stripe-throated Yuhina, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Red-tailed Laughingthrush (1 calling at Camp 1 and 1 calling at Camp 2), Pale-throated Wren-Babbler (1 in Ward's Valley and 1 at the lower parts of the Fansipan Trek), Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler (1 at the start of the climb to Camp 2 and 1 at Camp 2), Dark-breasted Rosefinch.

○ **O Qui Ho Road**

Along this road, only small patches of forest are present. All the rest is turned into agriculture fields and houses.

We only had 1 bigger flock of forest species. But the good species are still around. We did not go on the side tracks. The dense fog made that we stayed on the main road.



View in the direction of O Qui Ho Road

Highlights: Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Rusty-capped Fulvetta (3 small flocks), Black-streaked Scimitar-Babbler (1 pair taped in), Chestnut Bunting, Black-headed Greenfinch (several flying around but always bad views due to the fog).

● **Tam Dao**

The best information we found on [Birding2Asia](http://Birding2Asia.com). Also in many other trip reports, you will find information.

We had an unpleasant time in Tam Dao. The first morning we arrived at the barrier of the Watertank Trail/Contour Track, we were stopped by an English speaking guard. He asked us to pay an entrance fee of 50.000VND/pp. He did not have any official price list or ticket. In all the other places we had to pay, they had official tickets. We refused to pay and entered the trail. The guard was angry about that but he let us go. We spend the day on the trail. Next morning, we were stopped again at the barrier by another guard. This person did not speak any English at all. He was already screaming at us before we

reached the barrier. It was clear that he was very angry. We had a lot of discussion with him and at the end he was threatening us by calling the police and put us into jail. We decided to go to the police office by ourself. The only policeman over there did not speak any English at all but he went with us to the guard station. After a few minutes and a discussion between the two Vietnamese men, we were allowed to enter the forest. But only after half another, the guard, this time together with the guard from yesterday, arrived in the forest. We had to leave the place immediately. They showed us there licence and were threatening us again by calling the police. They told us that from now on foreigners need a permit from the Tam Dao NP authorities to visit the park. It was very frustrating because on that moment a flock of Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler and Collared Babbler was calling in the forest. And in the mean time, men on motorbikes with guns were entering the forest as well.

The only alternative we had was to go to the Transmitter trail. Birdwatching was not as good as on the other trail. We heard a Blue-naped Pitta here but the bad weather made it difficult or even impossible to see the bird.



Tam Dao



Watertrail Track

Highlights: Blue-naped Pitta (Transmitter Trail), Gray-backed Shrike, Chestnut Bulbul, Short-tailed Parrotbill (Watertank Trail), Gray-cheeked Fulvetta of the local race *schaefferi* (common on Watertank Trail), Collared Babbler, Gray Laughingthrush (Watertank and Transmitter Trail), Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler, White-gorgeted Flycatcher (Transmitter Trail).

➤ Laos

• Na Hin

All the information and good maps are on the [Birding2Asia](http://Birding2Asia.com)-website.

In the forest east of the village, logging was going on on large scale. A new track, starting somewhere east of the “authentic Lao village” (see map) was made in this pristine forest and a lot of trees were already cut down. We found this track when we were following down the powerline from the main road down into the forest. Birding here was a little bit disappointing but maybe it is better in spring?



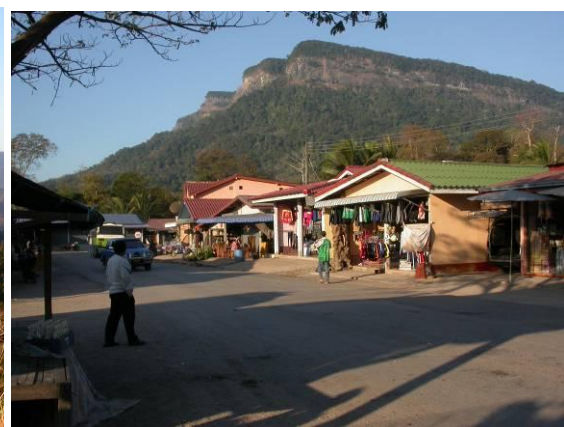
Logging in forest east of Na Hin

In the forest on the limestone, west of the village, birding was much more productive. The 2 targets, Bare-faced Bulbul and Sooty Babbler were seen. Easy roadside birding.

We stayed at the Mi Tuna Guesthouse. But the restaurant is no longer open. There are a lot more guesthouses in the village. These are probably a better option.



Limestone forest west of Na Hin



Na Hin

Highlights: Indochinese Swiftlet, Gray-backed Shrike, Nepal House-Marting, Bare-faced Bulbul (limestone forest), Asian Stubtail, Limestone Wren-Babbler, Sooty Babbler (limestone forest), Rufous-tailed Robin.

Transport

- **International flight** with Qatar Airlines. Flight Brussels – Doha – Ho Chi Minh and return flight Hanoi – Doha – Brussels with on both flights a short stop in Bangkok.
- Most of the transport in both countries was done by **bus** or **(private) taxi**. For the longer distances, we took a bus in most of the cases. For shorter or isolated destinations we were used of taxis or private transport.

- **(Private) taxis**

- Airport Ho Chi Minh - city: official taxi, €8.
- Cat Tien HQ – Bau Cau Trail: private car from the park, 400.000VND. Start Bau Cau Trail +/- 12 km from the HQ.
- Di Linh – Deo Nui San: official taxi, 300.000VND single way.
- Dalat bus station – city center: official taxi, 60000VND.
- Dalat region (Ta Nung and Ho Tuyen Lam): official taxis, prices between 80.000 – 200.000VND single ways.
- Dalat center – Klong Klanh Pass: private car, 1.800.000VND. Very much overcharged. See also “Visited sites”.
- Deo Mang Den to forest: private car, 1.500.000VND. Very high price, see also “Visited sites”.
- Dak Glei – Lo Xo: official taxi, VND315.000. The only taxi we found in Dak Glei and this taxi was even passing in the village. To come back from Lo Xo to Dak Glei that day, we hitchhiked. But this driver asked a fee not much lower than a taxi.
- Dong Hoi - Quang Binh Province Road, official taxi: 330.000VND. On our way backed, we hitchhiked. We sat in loading ramp of a small truck. When the driver dropped us at the hotel, he was even asking more money then we paid for the taxi. After a short discussion, we left without being paid at all.
- Tung Anh – Cau Treo border: private car, 100.000VND/pp.
- Cau Treo – Lak Sao: private car, US\$20, single way.
- Cau Treo – Vinh: private car, 500.000VND.
- Ninh Binh – Cuc Phuong: private car, US\$37.
- Cuc Phuong HQ – Bong Substation: private car from the park, 400.000VND. From HQ to Bong Substation is 20 km.
- Bong Substation – Hanoi: private car, US\$70.
- Sapa – Fansipan HQ: private car, US\$30 both ways.
- Sapa – O Qui HO: private car, US\$12 single way.
- Hanoi – Tam Dao: official taxi but no use of meter: 770.000VND. At the railway station in Hanoi we arranged a price of 700.000VND. But once we arrived in Tam Dao the driver said that one of us agreed for paying 800.000VND. After a lot of discussion and a taxidriver who was getting more and more angry we paid VND770.000
- Tam Dao – Hanoi airport: official taxi, discussed the price: 700.000VND. We arranged this taxi along the street in Tam Dao. We toughed we made a good deal by discussing a price of 700.000VND. We read that others had paid even more a few years ago. But during the ride, the taxi-driver put on his meter and it ended up

at 435.000VND. So we did not have a good deal at all. But he wanted us to pay the 770.000VND because that was the deal we made.

○ **Buses**

- ❖ There are plenty of buses. We used buses a lot of times and we also took a nightbus 2 times. These nightbuses are good to do long distances but are not always comfortable. First of all the chairs/beds are too small for western people and the roads are often bumpy. This makes that we did not sleep well during these long journey.
- ❖ When we bought a ticket in a busstation, we always paid the official price. But when we get on the bus along the road, they charged us often 2-3 times the prices that local people were paying.
- ❖ Stopping a bus when we were walking along the roads was in most of the cases, no problem at all.

- Ho Chi Minh – Dinh Quan: 150.000VND/pp.
- Dinh Quan – Madagui: 50.000VND/pp.
- Cat Tien – Tha Phu: mini-bus, 40.000VND/pp.
- Tha Phu – Di Linh: mini-bus, 400.000VND/3pp.
- Di Linh – Dalat: 30.000VND/pp.
- Dalat – Kon Tum: nightbus, 220.000VND/pp.

This was a nightbus with small seats and we also had to put your legs in a box that was too small for us. So we did not have a good night at all. Also the bus supervisor and a few of the passengers were very unfriendly.

- Kon Tum – Mang Den: mini-bus, 120.000VND/pp.
- Mang Den – Kon Tum: 50.000VND/pp.
- Kon Tum – Dak Gle: 150.000VND/pp.
- Lo Xo – Dak Gle: 50.000VND/pp.
- Dak Gle – Da Nang: mini-bus, 150.000VND/pp.
- Da Nang – Dong Hoi: 120.000VND/pp + 100.000VND for our luggage.
- Dong Hoi – Vinh: 200.000VND/pp.
- Vinh – Tung Anh: 50.000VND/pp.
- Lak Sao – Na Hin: 25.000Kip/pp.
- Na Hin (from the birdwatching places): 5.000-10.000Kip/pp.
- Na Hin – Lak Sao: 70.000Kip/3pp.
- Lak Sao – Cau Treo: 120.000Kip
- Vinh – Ninh Binh: nightbus, 200.000VND/pp.

Vinh was the only city where it was not so easy to get out of town by bus. We arrived in the afternoon at the busstation but the only bus that was passing at Ninh Binh was a nightbus at 18h00. This nightbus had more comfort than the first one we took. Here where no boxes where you have to put your legs in. But the bus supervisor was even more unfriendly than the first one.

- Lao Cai – Sapa: mini-bus, 50.000VND/pp. Single way.

- Moto
We only took a moto 3 times. Because we were a group of 3, hiring 3 motobikes was even more expensive than taking a taxi.
 - Dinh Quan – Tha Phu Forest: 300.000VND for both ways/3 pp before noon, 500.000VND for both ways/3pp early morning next day.
 - Madagui – Cat Tien: 150.000VND/moto.
- Train
We took a nighttrain for both ways Hanoi - Lao Cai. At the HQ in Cat Tien, they booked the tickets Hanoi – Lao Cai for us by a local travel agent in Hanoi. Price US\$35/pp. We booked the return ticket by ourselves in the railway station in Hanoi, price 515.000VND/pp. So booking them by your self is much cheaper.
- Hitchhiking
Hitchhiking worked out a few times. On 2 occasions (Lo Xo – Dak Gleis and Quang Binh Province Road – Dong Hoi (see under “Taxis”)), we had to pay for it. On 2 occasions (near Na Hin and Lang Biang – Dalat city), friendly people gave us a free ride.

Accommodation

- There are plenty of hotels at all the places. The prices we paid were between 160.000-400.000VND/room for 3 persons. Only the hotels in Ho Chi Minh (US\$30) and Ninh Binh (US\$25) were higher price. Both times it was a room for 3 persons. In Na Hin (Laos) we paid 50.000Kip/room.
- In both Cat Tien NP and Cuc Phuong NP we stayed in bungalows inside the park. These bungalows are much more expensive than a hotel in a city.
 - Cat Tien NP: 700.000VND/bungalow for 3 persons.
 - Cuc Phuong NP: US\$30/bungalow for 3 persons.

Short description of our itinerary

- Day 1 – December 16th
Flight from Brussels to Doha (Qatar) at 15h10. Arrived in Doha at ???. Overnight stay at the airport.
- Day 2 – December 17th
Flight to Ho Chi Minh at 8h15. With a stopover in Bangkok, we arrived in Ho Chi Minh at 22h00. Night in Ho Chi Minh.
- Day 3 – December 18st
At 8 o'clock we took the bus to Dinh Quan. On arrival, we first checked in at a hotel. The people from the hotel took us to Tan Phu Forest by moto. We arrived there just before noon. Sadly, we did not find the good patches of forest to enter. The only thing we could do was walking near the forest. Night in Dinh Quan.
- Day 4 – December 19nd
Early morning to Tan Phu Forest again. Now we found some trails into the forest but all of these were rather short. We stayed there till 8 o'clock. From Dinh Quan we took the

bus to Madagui and from there on we took a moto to Cat Tien, where we arrived at 11h00. After checking in at the headquarters, we were birdwatching at the trails near the HQ for the rest of the day. Night in Cat Tien.

➤ Day 5 – December 20rd

Before noon we went to the Bau Cau Trail, afternoon we were along the trails near the HQ. Night in Cat Tien.

➤ Day 6 – December 21th

Before noon we were at the Bau Cau Trail again. This time it was for half a day again. We saw both pittas and a male Germain's Peacock-pheasant. At 14h00 we left Cat Tien. Arriving time in Di Linh was 18h00. Night in Di Linh.

➤ Day 7 – December 22th

Early morning we were dropped at Deo Nui San Pass. We stayed there till noon. The main targets (Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Black-headed Parrotbill) were seen by that time. Transport to Dalat. In the afternoon we had a short and not so productive visit to Ta Nung Valley. Night in Dalat.

➤ Day 8 – December 23th

Early morning, before the entrance lockets were open, we were at Lang Biang Mountain. We started walking up the mountain. For the last kilometre, we got a lift from an American birdwatcher. The four of us together, we walked up to the top. Targets were easy here and it was not even noon already, when we walked down again. In the afternoon we went to the Bi Doup visitor center in Dalat. We arranged everything to visit Bi Doup on the 25th. Late afternoon we had a short visit at the eastern side of Ho Tuyen Lam Lake. Night in Dalat.

➤ Day 9 – December 24th

An early morning visit to Ta Nung Valley was much more productive than our previous afternoon one. Very soon we saw our main target, the Gray-crowned Crocias. And it even was not 10 o'clock when we already were on our way to Ho Tuyen Lam again. This time we visited the western side of the lake. It took a long time before we found our way at the Suoi Tia area. But once we found a trail inside the forest, the birding was straightforward. A Vietnamese Cutia was in a large flock and so was a Gray-crowned Crocia. Night in Dalat.

➤ Day 10 – December 25th

At 4h20, we were picked up by the rangers of Bi Doup. After a ride of an hour, we arrived at the center at Klong Klanh Pass. Here we got the news that we had to cross a wild river on a very small bridge. After checking the bridge and the river, we decided that it was too dangerous to do the crossing. There were not much alternatives. The rangers brought us to a steep trail up in the forest at the border of the Lam Dong and Khanh Hoa provinces. So we walked up the Khanh Hoa trail. But the weather was not good at all and we only saw a few birds. Last option we had was to do some roadside birding between Klong Klanh Pass and Dalat. We saw our only Yellow-breasted Magpies of the trip overhere. In the afternoon, we were in the city again and at 18h00 we had the nightbus to Kon Tum.

- Day 11 – December 26th
At 5 o'clock, we arrived at the busstation in Kon Tum. We had to wait for an hour before we had a bus to Mang Deng where we found a hotel along the main road in the city. Looking at the scenery and the people living here, we got the feeling that we arrived in Twin Peaks, the legendary serie of David Lynch. It took a while before we found someone who would bring us to the forest but we had to pay a lot for it. We stayed in the forest till dark. Our main target, Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush was seen on a few places. Also Brown Hornbill and Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler were very much appreciated. Night in Mang Deng.
- Day 12 – December 27th
At 7 o'clock we stopped a bus along the road to go back to Kon Tum. Soon after we arrived in the city, we had our next bus to Dak Glei. We arrived in this small town at noon. We spent the afternoon at the Lo Xo Pass. Night in Dak Glei.
- Day 13 – December 28th
Before noon we went to Lo Xo Pass again. This time we found a pair of Black-crowned Barwings. After observing these nice birds we drove back to Dak Glei to get all of our luggage. It took a while before we could stop a minibus to take us to Da Nang. We arrived there at 16h30 and then we got a next bus to Dong Hoi at 17h30. We arrived late in Dong Hoi, 22h30, but once again, finding a hotel was no problem at all. Night in Dong Hoi.
- Day 14 – December 29th
Early morning we took a taxi to the nearby Quang Binh Province Road. It was rather quit in the forest, the difference between being there in winter or spring. But we still saw a lot of birds and finally we also succeeded in seeing our main target, Vietnam Partridge. One pair was seen when a male came in after playback and a second bird, the female probably, flew over the trail. Late afternoon we went back to the hotel by hitchhiking. Night in Dong Hoi.
- Day 15 – December 30th
At 6h30 we got the bus to Vinh. After another bus and a car in Tung Anh, we arrived at the Crau Treo border crossing. Getting a visum for Laos was no problem at all. After another car and a minibus, it was already early in the evening when we arrived in the small village of Na Hin. It was too late to do some birdwatching to end our long day on the road. Night in Na Hin.
- Day 16 – December 31st
At 5h15 we started walking to the limestone forest, a few kilometres from Na Hin. It was good birdwatching along the road and Bare-faced Bulbul and Sooty Babbler were soon observed. At noon we went back to the village and after we ate something, we took the bus to the forest at the east side of the village. Here we stayed till dark. Night in Na Hin.
- Day 17 – January 1st
Early morning, we went to the forest east of the village again. It was a hard day we a lot of walking up and down the hills in the forest and at the end of the day, our only target, Red-collared Woodpecker, was not observed. We had a rather disappointed day because we did not see that much birds at all. Night in Na Hin.

- Day 18 – January 2nd
At 8 o'clock we started a long travelling day. We crossed the border again at the Crau Treo border crossing. We arrived in Vinh in the afternoon but the first bus passing Ninh Binh was a nightbus at 18h00. The bus dropped us just outside Ninh Binh. A taxi brought us to the center of the city and at 22h30 we were checked in at a hotel. Night in Ninh Binh.
- Day 19 – January 3rd
At 5 o'clock we left for Cuc Phuong NP. We arrived there too early, the headquarters were not open yet. After some birding around the buildings of the HQ, the office was open and we could enter the park. We drove straight to the Bong Substation. We checked in at one of the bungalows and we started birdwatching along the Valley Trail soon. Late afternoon, we spent a few hours along the Grid. Night in Cuc Phuong.
- Day 20 – January 4th
It was raining the whole day. We spent our time at the Valley Trail, Loop Trail, the Grid and the main road to the HQ. Due to the weather, birdactivity was low. Night in Cuc Phuong.
- Day 21 – January 5th
No rain anymore but the temperature was low and the clouds were imminent. We spend the whole day along the Loop Trail, the Grid and the main road. Night in Cuc Phuong.
- Day 22 – January 6th
We spent the day at the same trails as yesterday and along the main road. Night in Cuc Phuong.
- Day 23 – January 7th
This was our last chance for seeing Red-collared Woodpecker. We spent the last half day in the park along the Loop Trail and the main road. But no RC-woodpecker appeared. At 14h00, a taxi arrived to bring us to Hanoi. At 18h00, we were at the station and at 21h15 the train left for Lao Cai. Night on the train.
- Day 24 – January 8th
We arrived in Lao Cai at 5h30. We drove to Sapa by minibus. We checked in at one of the cheaper hotels without heating. During our stay, Sapa was constantly under dense fog and that made it very cold in our room. After we checked in, we drove to headquarters of Hoang Lien NP (Fansipan). Shortly after we left the village, the fog was gone and we were driving in the sun and under a blue sky. The rest of the day, we searched for birds at the first 3 km of the Fansipan Track. This trail is going to the top. Night in Sapa.
- Day 25 – January 9th
Today we spent the whole day at Hoang Lien NP. The weather was good during the whole day. We concentrated birdwatching at Ward's Valley, the Golden Stream Love Waterfall and the lower parts of the Fansipan Track. A Pale-throated Wren-Babbler was seen in Ward's Valley. This was main goal for today. Night in Sapa.

➤ Day 26 – January 10th

Today we walked till the second camp along the Fansipan Track. The sun was shining again. Only late in the afternoon, fog was covering the forest at the lower parts of the track. At the higher parts, we got Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler, White-browed Fulvetta and Broad-billed Warbler and Red-tailed Laughingthrush was heard twice. Tom concentrated his efforts on the lower parts of the trail and this also worked out well. He also saw a Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler and a Streak-throated Fulvetta. It was already 17h30 when we were back at the headquarters. A Pale-throated Wren-Babbler was seen at the lower parts of the Fansipan Track. Night in Sapa.

➤ Day 27 – January 11th

Today we went to the O Qui Ho Road. This road is close to Sapa. All the previous days that we passed this road on our way to Hoang Lien NP, the sun was shining. Today the fog was dense and the visibility was very low. So these were not good circumstances for our last day in the region. Early afternoon, we gave up birdwatching. But Rusty-capped Fulvetta, Black-streaked Scimitar-Babbler, Black-headed Greenfinch and Chestnut Bunting were added to the list. At 17 o'clock we had the bus back to Lao Cai. The train for Hanoi left at 20h15. Night on the train.

➤ Day 28 – January 12th

We arrived in Hanoi at 5h00. By taxi we drove to Tam Dao. There are a lot of hotels in this small village. Weather was cold and foggy. After leaving our luggage in our room we went to the Watertank Trail. Here we were stopped by one of the guards. We had a lot of discussion about paying an entry fee. But finally we went on the trail without paying something. One of the first birds we saw was a Short-tailed Parrotbill. Also a flock of Gray Laughingthrushes was seen. Stayed here the rest of the day. Night in Tam Dao.

➤ Day 29 – January 13th

Today our plan was to go to the Watertank Trail again. But today we had even more discussion with one of the guards. Finally, after we get some help of a local policeman we were allowed to go in the forest. But after half an hour, the guard came after us. With the help of a second guard and with some official papers, we were put out of the park. They threatened us by putting us into prison. So we decided to leave the place and to go to the Transmitter Trail. Here we spent the rest of the day. This place was not so bad at all. A calling Blue-naped Pitta came very close but never gave a glimpse. We found another flock of Gray Laughingthrushes and a fine male White-gorgeted Flycatcher was a nice last write-in on our new species list. Night in Tam Dao.

➤ Day 30 – January 14th

It was raining this morning but we want to spend the last hours of birdwatching by searching for the Blue-naped Pitta that we heard yesterday. The bird was calling again but sadly also this time he never shows himself. Also the bad weather made searching in the dense forest difficult. At 11 o'clock, we stopped our efforts. It was time to start the long way home. A prearranged taxi was at the hotel at 13h00. After a ride of one and a half hour we arrived at the international airport of Hanoi. We had our flight at 17h40. After a stop in Bangkok we arrived in Doha around midnight. Night at the airport in Doha.

➤ Day 31 – January 15th

At 7h35 we had our flight to Brussels. The flight had a little delay because we had to wait for 2 connecting flights. At 14h30, we arrived in Brussels.

Bird list

Our list of observed birds is strictly following [Clements 6th edition](#) and the updates till 2011. For some species recent information about taxonomic decisions not yet included in Clements is given.

Total number of species seen: 315, heard only not included.

Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 2 heard

Scaly-breasted Partridge *Arborophila chloropus*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2 seen and 1 heard

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 seen and 1 heard

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 heard

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 heard – ssp. *tonkinensis*

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 heard – ssp. *tonkinensis*

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 heard – ssp. *Tonkinensis*

The subspecies *tonkinensis* is often placed within Chestnut-necklaced Partridge *Arborophila charltonii*. Some authors even treat it as a separate species, **Tonkin Partridge**.

Vietnam (Annam) Partridge *Arborophila merlini* [Country endemic](#)

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 2 seen and another one heard

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 3

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 female

Siamese Fireback *Lophura diardi*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 male

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron germaini* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Restricted range](#)

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 male

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

26/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Deo Mang Den - 1

28/12/2011 - en route Dak Glei - Da Nang - fairly common near Da Nang

30/12/2011 - en route near Vinh - fairly common

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

19/12/2011 - en route Madagui - Cat Tien NP - 1

26/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Deo Mang Den - 1

30/12/2011 - en route near Vinh - fairly common

02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - a few

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

19/12/2011 - en route Madagui - Cat Tien NP - a few

26/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Deo Mang Den - 4

28/12/2011 - en route Dak Glei - Da Nang - a few

02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - a few

07/01/2012 - en route Cuc Phuong NP - Hanoi - a few

The eastern subspecies *coromandus* is often treated as a separate species,
Eastern Cattle Egret.

Chinese Pond-Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

19/12/2011 - en route Madagui - Cat Tien NP - 1
19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
21/12/2011 - en route Cat Tien - Di Linh - a few
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 2

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1

Pied Falconet *Microhierax melanoleucos*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 2
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Oriental Hobby *Falco severus*

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Oriental Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1

Red Collared-Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

19/12/2011 - en route Madagui - Cat Tien NP - 1

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - a few
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - a few
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 8

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Pompadour Green-Pigeon *Treron pompadora*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5+

The subspecies *phayrei* is sometimes treated as a separate species, **Ashy-headed Green-Pigeon**.

Thick-billed Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

Yellow-vented Pigeon *Treron seimundi*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

Wedge-tailed Pigeon *Treron sphenurus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 heard

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula badia*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - heard

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 4

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5+

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 6

Vernal Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 seen and a few heard

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 heard

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 2

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 heard

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 2

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - 2

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1

Collared Scops-Owl *Otus lettia*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 heard

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1 heard and one roadkill

Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl *Bubo nipalensis*

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 seen very well

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 heard

Great Eared-Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3

Indochinese Swiftlet *Aerodramus rogersi*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

German's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germani*

25/12/2011 - Dalat - 3

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

30/12/2011 - en route near Vinh - 1

07/01/2012 - en route Cuc Phuong NP - Hanoi - 3

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

19/12/2011 - en route Madagui - Cat Tien NP - a few

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

27/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Dak Gle - 1

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 5

Oriental Pied-Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* Near-threatened (NT)

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - heard only

Brown Hornbill *Anorrhinus austeni* Near-threatened (NT)

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 12



Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulatus*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 4

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 2 heard

Red-vented Barbet *Megalaima lagrandieri*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 heard

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1

Green-eared Barbet *Megalaima faiostricta*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 seen and a few heard

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 7

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few heard

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 1

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1

Indochinese Barbet *Megalaima annamensis*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1 seen and commonly heard
22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few heard
24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1 seen and a few heard
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few heard

One of the former races of **Black-browed Barbet** *Megalaima oorti*.

Moustached Barbet *Megalaima incognita*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few heard

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2 seen and a few heard
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 2

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 2

Gray-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 3+
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 seen and a few heard
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3

Gray-faced Woodpecker *Picus canus*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 3
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few heard
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2 seen and a few heard
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 5

Pale-headed Woodpecker *Gecinulus grantia*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 pair

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 pair

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 4

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 5+

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4



Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

Eared Pitta *Pitta phayrei*

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Blue-naped Pitta *Pitta nipalensis*

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1 heard at Transmitter Trail

14/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Transmitter Trail) - 1 heard. Probably the same bird as yesterday because he was calling next to the spot of yesterday.

Blue-rumped Pitta *Pitta soror*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 seen + 1 heard

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 seen and 1 heard

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Bar-bellied Pitta *Pitta elliotii*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 seen and 1 heard

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3 seen and 5 heard

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 heard

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 seen and 2 heard

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

19/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayei*

19/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 5

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few

Large Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina macei*

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 2

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 3

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3

Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina polioptera*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 3

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few

Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina melaschistos*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 6

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 5+

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 2

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 30+

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 2

Gray-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 2

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 4

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 10+

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 2

Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

24/12/2011 - en route Dalat - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 8
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1

Gray-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1
14/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Transmitter Trail) - 1

Blyth's Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1 male and 2 females
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - a flock of 11
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1

One of the former races of **White-browed Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius flaviscapis*.

Dalat Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius annamensis* [Country endemic](#)

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 2
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 2, at top of Khanh Hoa trail



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One of the former races of **White-browed Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius flaviscapis*.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Clicking Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius intermedius*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 3
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

Former name was **Chestnut-fronted Shrike-babbler**.

White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few
22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few
23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 10+
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 5
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - a few

Former name was **White-bellied Yuhina**.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris*

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2
23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 female
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

27/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Dak Glei - 1
07/01/2012 - en route Cuc Phuong NP - Hanoi - 2

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few
22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 5

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - fairly common
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - a few

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - a few
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2. One male with no wingfeathers on one of his wings and he was unable to fly.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2

Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 2

White-winged Magpie *Urocissa whiteheadi*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 10

Yellow-breasted Magpie *Cissa hypoleuca*

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 4

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - +/- 5



Ratchet-tailed Treepie *Temnurus temnurus*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 2
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 20+
27/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Dak Glei - 2
02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - a few

Dusky Crag-Martin *Ptyonoprogne concolor*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 2

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 20+
07/01/2012 - en route Cuc Phuong NP - Hanoi - 50+

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - fairly common
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few

Nepal House-Martin *Delichon nipalense*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 40+

Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 4
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Great Tit *Parus major*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 2

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 2
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - fairly common
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 10+
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 5
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - +/- 5

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 6
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 5+
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 5

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1 - ssp. *gayeti*
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 5+
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - +/- 5
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - +/- 5

The black-crested ssp. *gayeti* could get to species level in the future.

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 10+ - ssp. *annamensis*
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 10+ - ssp. *annamensis*
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - +/- 10
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - +/- 8

The Indochinese, grey-crowned ssp. *annamensis* is often treated as a separate species, Gray-crowned Tit.

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - +/- 5
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 5+
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

White-tailed Nuthatch *Sitta himalayensis*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 5+
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3

Yellow-billed Nuthatch *Sitta solangiae* **Near-threatened (NT)**

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - +/- 5

Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia discolor*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons*

09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 4

Collared Finchbill *Spizixos semitorques*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 7

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 4

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few
22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few
23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 5
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 15+
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 15+
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 1

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few
27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 10+
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - fairly common
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 10
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - en route Cuc Phuong NP - Hanoi - a few
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - +/- 5
14/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Transmitter Trail) - 4

Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 4
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 2
19/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 4

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 4
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - +/- 5
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescent*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi*

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few

Bare-faced Bulbul *Pycnonotus hualon* [Restricted range](#)

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - +/- 15

Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5
23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - a few

Gray-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - +/- 5

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 2
24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - a few
27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 8
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - a few
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 7

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - fairly common
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - a few
27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2

Chestnut Bulbul *Hemixos castanonotus*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 8

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclellandii*

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 3
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - a few

Pygmy Cupwing *Proopyga pusilla*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1 heard
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few heard
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3 heard
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1 seen and a few heard
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2 heard

Asian Stubtail *Urosphena squameiceps*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 6
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 5
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2 seen and 3 heard
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2 heard

Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivacea*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

Gray-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 2

Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 10
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 20+
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 10+

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 1

Broad-billed Warbler *Tickellia hodgsoni*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1



Pale-footed Bush-Warbler *Cettia pallidipes*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1

Buff-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 1

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 3

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 1

Pallas's Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - a few

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - a few

Chinese Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus yunnanensis* [Country endemic](#)

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - common

19/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - a few

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - common

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - fairly common

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - fairly common

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - fairly common

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - fairly common

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - a few
27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - a few
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - a few heard
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - fairly common
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - fairly common
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few heard
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few heard
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - a few
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - a few
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - a few
14/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Transmitter Trail) - 2

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few

Eastern Crowned Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Blyth's Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few

Kloss's Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus ogilviegranti*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 3

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

Sulphur-breasted Warbler *Phylloscopus ricketti*

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Bianchi's Warbler *Seicercus valentini*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

White-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus affinis*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

Gray-cheeked Warbler *Seicercus poliogenys*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 1

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

19/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1
19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - a few heard
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 2
14/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Transmitter Trail) - 2

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - a few
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1

Brown Prinia *Prinia polychroa*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 4

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few heard

Golden-breasted Fulvetta *Lioparus chrysotis*

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3

White-browed Fulvetta *Fulvetta vinipectus*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 15



Streak-throated Fulvetta *Fulvetta manipurensis*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Black-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis margaritae* Near-threatened (NT)

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - +/- 40

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 4



22/12/2011

A former race of **Gray-headed Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis gularis*.

Golden Parrotbill *Paradoxornis verreauxi*

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 10

Short-tailed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis davidianus*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 1 in a flock of Gray-cheeked Fulvetta

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2



Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 5+

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 5

Black-chinned Yuhina *Yuhina nigrimenta*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 10+

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - +/- 15

14/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Transmitter Trail) - +/- 10

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 50+

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 20+

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - +/- 10

Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonicus*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - +/- 5

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - a few

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 3

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 5+

Black-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe grotei*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - +/- 5

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 5+

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 10

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 10

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 5

A former race of the next species.

Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 3

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 2

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - fairly common

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - fairly common

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - fairly common

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - +/- 20

Gray-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - +/- 50 - ssp. *davidi*

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - +/- 30 - ssp. *Davidi*



The ssp. *davidi* is sometimes treated as a separate species, **David's Fulvetta** or **Schaeffer's Fulvetta**.

Collared Babbler *Gampsorhynchus torquatus*

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1 flock heard

Rufous-throated Fulvetta *Schoeniparus rufogularis*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 6

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Schoeniparus castaneiceps*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 20+

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 10

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 10+

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - +/- 10



Black-crowned Fulvetta *Schoeniparus klossi* [Country endemic](#)

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 5

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 6, on top of Khanh Hoa Trail

A former race of **Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Schoeniparus castaneiceps*.

Rusty-capped Fulvetta *Schoeniparus dubia*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 9



Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 2
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1



Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata*

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Limestone Wren-Babbler *Gypsophila crispifrons*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3 seen and more heard
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler *Jabouilleia danjoui* [Restricted range](#)

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - a few heard
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 5
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few heard
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few heard

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few heard
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 5

Black-hooded Laughingthrush *Garrulax milleti* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#)

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 5+
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - +/- 20

Gray Laughingthrush *Garrulax maesi*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 5 seen and a few heard
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 8 seen and 1 flock heard

White-cheeked Laughingthrush *Garrulax vassali* [Restricted range](#)

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 5+

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - one flock of 40+

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - +/- 5 in the village



22/12/2011

Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush *Garrulax konkakinhensis* [Vulnerable \(VU\)](#) [Country endemic](#) [Restricted range](#)

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 2 pairs and 1 single bird seen and another one heard. Relatively easy to see on this site.

Orange-breasted Laughingthrush *Garrulax annamensis* [Country endemic](#)

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2

A former race of **Spot-breasted Laughingthrush** *Garrulax merulinus*.

Collared Laughingthrush *Garrulax yersini* [Endangered \(EN\)](#) [Country endemic](#) [Restricted range](#)

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 2



Red-tailed Laughingthrush *Garrulax milnei*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2 heard. One near camp 1 and a second near camp 2.

Vietnamese Cutia *Cutia legalleni* **Near-threatened (NT)**

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

A former race of **Cutia** *Cutia nipalensis*.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 5

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 8

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 20+

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 5

Gray-crowned Crocias *Crocias langbianis* **Endangered (EN)** **Country endemic** **Restricted range**

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 3

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1 in the same flock as the Cutia

Rufous-backed Sibia *Heterophasia annectens*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 3 - ssp. *eximia*

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few - ssp. *eximia*

The subspecies *eximia* of South Vietnam could get to species level in the future.

Black-headed Sibia *Heterophasia desgodinsi*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 2

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 5

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few

Black-crowned Barwing *Actinodura sodangorum* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Restricted range**

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1 pair close near the waterfall



Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 10+ - ssp. *orientalis*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - a few- ssp. *orientalis*

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - a few- ssp. *orientalis*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few- ssp. *orientalis*

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - fairly common- ssp. *orientalis*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 5

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 6
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few

The ssp. *orientalis* from South Vietnam is sometimes treated as a separate species. This (sub)species lacks the blue in the wings and on the head.

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 10+
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 5
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - a few
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 7

Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyridopsis ruficeps*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 4
24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 2
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2

Golden Babbler *Stachyridopsis chrysaea*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 5
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 10+

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 3
19/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - a few
19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - fairly common
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 20+
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 3
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - a few

Gray-faced Tit-Babbler *Macronous kelleyi*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 7
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 2 seen and a few heard

Pale-throated Wren-Babbler *Spelaornis kinneari* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Restricted range**

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1 in Ward's Valley
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

One of the former races of **Long-tailed Wren-Babbler** *Spelaornis chocolatinus*.

Sooty Babbler *Stachyris herberti*
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 8



Gray-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 2
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 3
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1

Spot-necked Babbler *Stachyris striolata*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 1

Black-streaked Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus gravivox*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 1 pair

One of the former races of **Spot-breasted Scimitar-Babbler** *Pomatorhinus maclellandi*.

White-browed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus*

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 2 flocks heard

Slender-billed Scimitar-Babbler *Xiphirhynchus superciliaris*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2. One seen near camp 2, one at the beginning of the climb to camp 2.

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3
22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 5
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 1
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 3
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 2
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 3
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 5
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4

White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Anthipes monileger*

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1 male

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Anthipes solitaris*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Hainan Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides*

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 5
21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - a few
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 1
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Fujian Niltava *Niltava davidi*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 1
26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1

Rufous-tailed Robin *Larvivora sibilans*

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 6
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 male
20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Blue Whistling-Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1

Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri*

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucurum*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 1

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 4
09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 1

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 2

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 4

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophliata*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 2

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1
25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 1

Plumbeous Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 1
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 1

White-throated Rock-Thrush *Monticola gularis*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 3
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 2
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 2
02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - 2

Stonechat *Saxicola torquatus*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1
28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 3

Gray Bushchat *Saxicola ferreus*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 2
23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 2
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 1
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 2
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 1

Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera citrina*

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 4

Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma*

06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis*

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 female

Japanese Thrush *Turdus cardis*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 7
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 10+
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 30+
07/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 10

Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 30+
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 20+
05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 10
06/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 5

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 40+
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - +/- 10

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1

Great Myna *Acridotheres grandis*

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 10

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 10+

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 10+

Vinous-breasted Starling *Acridotheres burmannicus*

26/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Deo Mang Den - 2

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - +/- 30

26/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Deo Mang Den - 1

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 2

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - fairly common

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - a few

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 2

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum*

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectum*

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1 male

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - 1 male

21/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 2

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1 female

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - a few

Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1 male

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1 male

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - a few

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 3

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 1 male



Fork-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga christinae*

05/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 3

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 3

13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - 3

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1 male – ssp. *johnsi*

26/12/2011 - Deo Mang Den - 1 male

28/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 1 male

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1 male

The red-breasted race *johnsi* from South Vietnam is sometimes treated as a separate species.

Eastern Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*

29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 1 male

31/12/2011 - Na Hin - 1 male

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1 pair

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

19/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

20/12/2011 - Cat Tien NP - 1

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 7

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 3

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 4

04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 2

12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 2

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

23/12/2011 - Lang Biang - 1

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 1

25/12/2011 - near Klong Klanh Pass - 2

03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1

09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 3

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - 2
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 2
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 4

Oriental Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 1

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

27/12/2011 - Lo Xo Pass - 2
29/12/2011 - Quang Binh Province Road (Dong Hoi) - 4
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - 4+
03/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - +/- 10
04/01/2012 - Cuc Phuong NP - 1
08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 20+
13/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Waterfall and Transmitter Trail) - +/- 5

Tristram's Bunting *Emberiza tristrami*

08/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 2
12/01/2012 - Tam Dao (Watertank Trail) - 2

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*

09/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 10+

Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza rutila*

11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - a group of 7

Dark-breasted Rosefinch *Carpodacus nipalensis*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

10/01/2012 - Sapa (Fansipan NP) - 1

Vietnamese Greenfinch *Chloris monguilloti* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Country endemic**

24/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 3, along the main road just above Ta Nung Valley

Black-headed Greenfinch *Chloris ambigua*

09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - 5
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 6

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*

24/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 3 - ssp. meridionalis

The ssp. meridionalis from South Vietnam is sometimes treated as a separate species, **Vietnam Crossbill**.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

18/12/2011 - Tan Phu Forest - a few
21/12/2011 - en route Cat Tien - Di Linh - a few
22/12/2011 - Dalat - a few in the city
24/12/2011 - en route Dalat - Ho Tuyen Lam - a few
26/12/2011 - en route Kon Tum - Deo Mang Den - a few
31/12/2011 - Na Hin - a few in the city
01/01/2012 - Na Hin - a few in the town
02/01/2012 - en route Na Hin - Cau Treo Pass (border) - a few
09/01/2012 - en route Fansipan HQ - Sapa - a few
11/01/2012 - Sapa (O Qui Ho road) - 20+

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

22/12/2011 - Deo Nui San - 1

01/01/2012 - Na Hin - +/- 10

Nutmeg Mannikin *Lonchura punctulata*

22/12/2011 - Ta Nung Valley - 1

23/12/2011 - Ho Tuyen Lam - 3