



A [Tropical Birding](#) SET DEPARTURE tour

Taiwan: Formosan Endemics and Migration

Main tour: 13 – 18 April 2019

Matsu pre-tour extension: 18 – 27 April 2019

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The spectacular and endemic Swinhoe's Pheasant was one of the star birds of the tour

This was my second trip to Taiwan, and every bit as fun and successful as my last trip in November. Our group managed to see every endemic bird species, a feat that has become much less common following recent splits of several birds, most notably Taiwan Thrush. April is one of the best times to visit this island nation as many birds are starting to nest, passage migrants are still coming through, some winterers are lingering, and the sweltering summer heat has not yet arrived. We had a friendly tour group (with some truly eagle-eyed observers), and on the main tour were helped by an excellent local guide and translator, Da Chih Chen, who

also went by his English name of “Raymond”. Some rain can always be expected on this wet island, but we were generally quite lucky with only a couple of “lost” afternoons that probably didn’t cost us anything in the way of birds.

This was also the first time Tropical Birding offered the Matsu extension, which visited the migrant traps of Dongyin and Nangan Islands. While well-known to Taiwanese birders, this was a ground-breaking destination for western tour groups, as evidenced by the fact that our visit made front-page news in the local newspaper! Migration birding is very hit and miss, but we were fortunate on our inaugural trip with excellent activity and decent weather. Keith Barnes led the extension, but I joined too along with Charley Hesse (who led another concurrent main tour) so there was no shortage of guides. Keith’s wife Yvonne, a native Taiwanese, came along on the extension to help with some of the logistical hurdles, and her assistance and pleasant company were greatly appreciated. The extension was run before the main tour to hit the peak of migration at the ideal time.



Forest Wagtail was one of many superb migrants we saw on the extension

13 April: The Matsu pre-tour extension commenced this evening as we gathered at our designated meeting point near the international airport, then drove through Taipei City towards the coast. After a nice welcome dinner near the ferry dock in Keelung City, we went through check-in formalities and then boarded the ship. Dropping bags in the bunk rooms, we headed up top and spent a few minutes watching the ferry pull away from port and start steaming north before going to bed. It was a bit rough for a little while, but then the waves calmed down and it was a fairly smooth crossing.

14 April: We awoke to music blaring on the loudspeaker, signaling that the ship was pulling up to its first port of call, Nangan Island. As we were continuing on to Dongyin Island, we gathered in the cafeteria for breakfast and then had some spare time before the ferry was set to depart. We disembarked and walked around the port for a little while, seeing our first **Light-mantled Bulbuls**, **Yellow-browed Warblers**, and even a **Manchurian Bush-Warbler**. There was a smorgasbord of pipits on hand as a few **Olive-backed Pipits** foraged near the forest edge, and a horde of **Red-throated Pipits** had taken over a nearby baseball field. Sorting through them got us a few **Richard's Pipits** and a lone **American (Buff-bellied) Pipit**. It was nearing departure time, so we reboarded the ship and embarked. We spent the two hour journey on deck hoping for some pelagics. There were a few birds around, but they were mostly distant, and much of the birding was camera-based as we shot distant specks and identified them later from photos, including **Red-necked Phalarope**, **Black-tailed** (*photo right*) and **"Heuglin's" Lesser Black-backed Gulls**, and **Great Crested** and **Common Terns**. After arriving on the tiny island of Dongyin, we dropped our stuff in the hotel, grabbed some lunch, and then headed out into the field eager to see some migrants. After stopping at the visitor's center, where **Little** and **Black-faced Buntings** were feeding on the lawn and a **Pale Thrush** flew by flashing its white tail corners, we headed down to a small vegetable farm. We knew we were onto something straight away when we saw a gaggle of photographers all lined up with huge lenses. Quickly we started spotting great migrants. Flycatchers were everywhere with the flashy **Narcissus** and **Mugimaki Flycatchers** headlining a show that also included **Gray-streaked**, **Ferruginous**, **Taiga**, and **Asian Brown**. **Daurian Redstart**, **Siberian Stonechat**, **Red-flanked Bluetail**, **Brown-rumped Minivet**, and a flashy **Chestnut Bunting** were also around while **Pacific** and **House Swifts** circled overhead. As the parade of new birds ebbed, we headed to a different spot down a steep valley, flushing up a few **Gray-headed Lapwings** and watching a very tired-looking **Oriental Pratincole** dozing in a garden (*photo below*). We had our first **Dusky Warblers**, and then a great sighting of a couple of **Yellow-browed** and **Tristram's Buntings**. We finished the day at a small running track and reservoir, finding **Little Ringed Plover**, **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Chinese Pond-Heron**, and **Crested Myna**.



15 April: We started the morning back at the running track, hoping to find some more birds before the joggers arrived and chased them away. Things started off well with a gorgeous male **Yellow-breasted Bunting** perched in the bushes – this species is now considered critically endangered due to recent precipitous population decline that is not fully understood, but is at least partly due to trapping during migration. Walking around the track, we also added **Greater Sand-Plover**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Common Snipe**, and **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** before heading back to the veggie garden. Only one photographer was present, but he had put out some mealworms that were attracting a gorgeous **Forest Wagtail** along with a few other species like **Siberian Blue Robin**. Activity was still good and many of the same species from yesterday were present, but some new species for the trip included **Japanese** and **Brown-headed Thrushes**, and **Ashy Minivet**. A **Gray-faced Buzzard** soared overhead along with more swifts and some **Red-rumped Swallows**. We covered various other sites on this little island over the course of the rest of the day, adding **Yellow-rumped Flycatcher**, **Eastern Buzzard**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Brambling**, **Pallas's Leaf Warbler**, **Eurasian Wryneck**, and the always-entertaining **Eurasian Hoopoe** to the rapidly-growing list.



Narcissus Flycatcher near the lighthouse on Dongyin

16 April: A quick check near the visitor's center on the way to the port did not reveal anything new, and we were soon on a ferry back to Nangan. We saw most of the same gulls and terns, the tour's only **Whimbrels**, a distant flock of **Garganey**, and a few other shorebirds that we would see far better later on in the trip. After sorting out the vehicles we headed out to the west side of the island. Nangan is much larger than Dongyin with more extensive forest cover, so the migrants are not as concentrated, but this is balanced by the fact that it has a higher overall diversity. Our first stop near a dam got us a perched **Gray-faced Buzzard**, a flock of **Oriental Greenfinches**, a nice male **Blue-and-white Flycatcher**, and a few **Common Kingfishers**, along with some of the same species we had seen on Dongyin. A couple other stops added **Yellow-billed Grosbeak**, **Eyebrowed Thrush**, **Black-throated Tit**, and **Red-billed Starling** before breaking for lunch. A small garden near the restaurant was quite productive too with the only **Yellow Buntings** of the trip along with **Blue Rock-Thrush**, more **Little Buntings**, and others. We spent the rest of the afternoon checking various other hotspots – highlights were a flock of **White-shouldered Starlings**, a singing **Blue Whistling-Thrush**, and some tidal flats that that we hit at the perfect time. Along with various shorebirds such as **Lesser Sand-Plover** and **Marsh**

Sandpiper, the muddy inlet was covered with hungry wagtails including **Citrine**, **Gray**, **White** and two different races of **Eastern Yellow Wagtail**. We rounded out the day at a hole-in-the wall restaurant recommended by a friend of Yvonne's, where the food was fantastic – some of us thought was the best meal of the whole trip.



White Wagtail on Nangan Island

17 April: Our last morning on Matsu was sunny and absolutely beautiful – not ideal for migration birding! We had a nice walk around the west side of the island enjoying the weather, scenery, and some common birds. We did add one scarce migrant, a **Japanese Sparrowhawk**, before heading to the airport and flying back to Taipei. We stopped at Guandu Nature Park on the north side of the city for some very productive birding. The wetlands held a nice variety of waterbirds including **Eastern Spot-billed Duck**, **Green-winged Teal**, **Long-toed** and **Red-necked Stints**, and even two **Black-faced Spoonbills**. We flushed up an immature **Malayan Night-Heron** that posed for photos in a tree, and watched a **Crested Serpent-Eagle** soar over, dwarfing the nearby **Crested Goshawk**. We had our first **Gray Treepies** and **Plain Prinias**, and **Taiwan Barbet** was the first endemic bird of the trip, giving a taste of what was to come on the main tour. We spent the night on the north coast.



Our visit to Matsu made the local newspaper

18 April: Yehliu Geopark doesn't open until 8:00am, so we spent some time birding at various other nearby sites, where **White-cheeked Starling** was the highlight among a bunch of more common species like the introduced **White-collared Starling**. Even though we got to Yehliu a few minutes early, there were already throngs of tourists pouring out of buses. The park is famous for its oddly shaped eroded geological formations, especially "The Queen's Head", which is thought to resemble Queen Elizabeth I. Yehliu is situated on a narrow peninsula with some trees at the tip, which also makes it a migration hotspot, and of course that's why we were there. Few visitors venture far along the trail and we soon had the park almost to ourselves. We saw a few **Pacific Reed-Herons** along the rocky coast on the walk out and then a **Yellow-bellied Prinia** in a thicket, though overall it was pretty quiet with more butterflies than birds. Near the end of the trail, we finally hit the avian jackpot with a gobsmackingly beautiful male **Japanese Paradise-Flycatcher** that made the trip worth it, as well as a **Taiwan Scimitar-Babbler**. We drove back to Taipei over the mountains, making stops to see **Black Eagle** and a pair of nesting **Taiwan Blue Magpies** before ending the extension in Taoyuan, where we spent the night and met up with those just joining the main tour, as well as our local guide Da Chih.



Taiwan Blue Magpie

19 April: After an early breakfast in the hotel, we headed south out of Taoyuan towards Shihmen. This park is one of the best spots for lower elevation species, which was quite apparent after we had our main target, **Taiwan Blue Magpie**, within moments after getting out of the bus! While we had seen it the day before, those who had not joined the extension were of course very keen to find another one. The same spot also held two more endemics, **Taiwan Whistling Thrush** and **Taiwan Barbet**, along with **Gray Treepie** and **Crested Myna**. We walked out onto a nearby dam where we found a few **Eastern Spot-billed Ducks**, a **Little Grebe**, and **Pacific Swallow**. Next we checked a spot for **Chestnut-bellied Tit** with no luck, but at least saw **Malayan Night Heron** and heard a distant **Black-necked Scimitar-Babbler**. Continuing higher into the park, we found a group of handsome **Taiwan Scimitar-Babblers** and a **Gray-capped Woodpecker**. We spent the rest of the morning driving south through Taiwan's heavily urbanized northwest coast, then turned east and started heading up into the foothills. After lunch, we birded near a temple in the town of Puli, where ominous looking clouds were approaching quickly. Luckily, the weather held off long enough for us to find several **Maroon Orioles**, the endemic **Taiwan Hwamei** which uncharacteristically perched out in the open for us, **Black-naped Monarch**, and **Brown Shrike**. It poured for most of the rest of the afternoon, but it let up just a bit long enough for us to check a river for a **Brown Dipper**, which clearly did not care about the rain, and a **Striated Heron**. We spent the night near Chingjing and had a hot-pot feast, which was the perfect remedy for the chilly and wet evening.



Taiwan Barbet at Shihmen

20 April: Rain continued through the night and into the morning, but kept to our schedule and had the first of many "convenience store" breakfasts at a local 7-11. We headed about 30 minutes up the road into the mountains where our first stop was cold, wet, foggy, and a bit frustrating. Our first bird was a **Yellowish-bellied Bush-Warbler** that showed pretty well, but we could only hear the **Gray-headed Bullfinches** that were lost somewhere out in the mist. After getting poor views of **Taiwan Bush Warbler** and **Taiwan Rosefinch**, we gave up and drove up to the top of the pass at Wuling (10,700 ft./3260 m.). The birds were really tame here, so at least we could see them despite the fog, and we enjoyed **White-whiskered Laughingthrushes**, **Collared Bush-Robins**, and **Taiwan Rosefinches** hopping around almost at our feet, but there was no sign of any **Alpine Accentors**. Heading down the east side of the pass the weather started to improve. We stopped by a café for hot drinks where a mixed species flocks moved through the pines with **Coal Tit**, our first of many **Taiwan**

Yuhinas, and a poorly seen **Flamecrest**. Continuing downslope, the driver suddenly hit the brakes and pointed excitedly – a **Mikado Pheasant** was standing right next to the road! It didn't stick around for photos, but we all got on this fantastic bird (amazingly, our driver would repeat this exact same feat a few days later. His name was unpronounceable to us Westerners, so we took to calling him "Mr. Pheasant". Finding drivers tolerant of the strange habits of birders is an enormous challenge in Taiwan, and we felt lucky to have him). We continued on down into the scenic Taroko Gorge, passing through many tunnels where **Asian House-Martins** were flitting about. After a lengthy drive, we finally got low enough to look for **Styan's Bulbul**, a Taiwanese endemic restricted to the eastern and southern parts of the island. It didn't take long before finding several of these handsome birds:



After lunch and a quick walk around to enjoy the scenery, we began the long drive back to Chingjing over the same road we had come in on. We broke the trip up with various stops for birds like **White-eared Sibia**, **Vivid Niltava**, **Little Forktail**, and **Plumbeous Redstart**, and a last-ditch attempt at Wuling finally got us the hoped-for **Alpine Accentor** that we had missed earlier in the day. We arrived back at the hotel tired but very happy we had seen so much after such a dismal start to the day.



Taroko Gorge



Alpine Accentor at Wuling

21 April: With weather upslope looking ominous, I decided instead to just bird across the street from the 7-11, where a maze of small tracks passed through gardens, greenhouses, and tea plantations. This turned out to be a great idea, as there was a surprisingly number of birds including a couple we would not see anywhere else on the tour. The best was probably the normally very shy **Taiwan Bamboo-Partridge**, which sat for a few moments out in the open at the side of the track, allowing everyone to have good view. We also had some very cooperative **Black-necked Scimitar-Babblers**, our best views yet of **Steere's Liocichla**, a nice male **White-tailed Robin**, a beautiful male **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**, some **Gray-chinned Minivets**, and a tree full of migrant **Eyebrowed** and **Brown-headed Thrushes**. After a while, we started driving south along the western base of the mountains. A couple of roadside stops got us a perched **Crested Goshawk** and a **Yellow-bellied Prinia**, and we made a short side trip to a beautiful temple that had a roosting **Collared Scops-Owl** along with a taste of local culture. We turned east and headed back up into the mountains, where a roadside stop produced a flock of **White-bellied Pigeons** along with **Black-throated Tit** and **Rufous-faced Warbler**. Even our lunch stop in the middle of a town was productive with a flock of the often elusive **Brown Bullfinch** and nesting **Striated Swallows**. On the road down to Firefly Lodge, we found a very cute **Collared Owlet**, but couldn't stay too long as we needed to get to the lodge in time to head up to their famous bird blind. There was just enough time to dump our bags before heading up the steep road in some old beat-up pickups with benches in the back. We settled into the blind and had to wait about 30 minutes before a stunning male **Swinhoe's Pheasant** sauntered in and leisurely fed for a while. After it departed, a **Dusky Fulvetta** visited the edge of the clearing and hopped around some tree roots. The sky was growing dark and ominous, and we were worried that **Taiwan Partridge** was not going to show, but finally a pair came in:



It was not a moment too soon. Da chih called phoned for the pickups and the skies opened up as we screamed back down the mountain to the lodge, where we took the rest of the afternoon off.



The temple with Collared Scops-Owl

22 April: The rain had stopped by morning, and weather would end up being nice for the rest of the trip. We departed a bit earlier than normal as we wanted to get up into higher elevations of Yushan National Park. Our first stop part way up the mountain got us what would turn out to be the tour's only **Taiwan Barwing**. We continued higher along the slow, windy road, seeing another male **Mikado Pheasant** before reaching the morning's main birding site of Tataka. The mixed broadleaf and coniferous forest here was full of birds and we quickly added **Taiwan Fulvetta**, **Golden Parrotbill** (*photo on next page*), **Ferruginous Flycatcher**, and had much-improved views of **Flamecrest** and **Taiwan Bush Warbler**. We had a distant **Eurasian Nutcracker**, and spent far too much time trying to see several incredibly uncooperative **Taiwan Cupwings** which only a few people saw. We then headed down out of the mountains into the humid lowlands north of Tainan City. Our afternoon stop was in some wetlands and farmland near Guantian, where we enjoyed seeing **Pheasant-tailed Jacanas** in full breeding plumage:



There was also a nice selection of other birds to round out the day, including **Ring-necked Pheasant**, **Eurasian Moorhen**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Greater Painted-Snipe**, **Wood Sandpiper**, **Oriental Pratincole**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Oriental Skylark**, **Gray-throated Martin**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Eastern Yellow Wagtail**, and **Scaly-breasted Munia**.



Golden Parrotbill from Yushan

23 April: We had the morning to explore the coastal wetlands northwest of Tainan City, and started off at some mudflats near Jianjun. There was a decent variety of shorebirds around including **Pacific Golden-Plover**, **Lesser Sand-Plover**, **Kentish Plover**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, and **Common Greenshank**. A **Cinnamon Bittern** flew past us at very close range, and there were a few **Plain Prinias** singing in nearby bushes. We then drove to a nearby bird blind where we saw a lone **Black-faced Spoonbill**, **Whiskered** and **Caspian Terns**, and various herons and egrets including **Gray Heron**. Two days prior there was a credible report of some Little Curlews not far from where we were, so we decided to go check it out. There was no sign of the curlews (they had probably moved on) but we were happy to see an **Asian Koel** singing out in the open. We also had some **Richard Pipits** and a few other birds we had seen before. We continued north to a different set of wetlands near Budai. Roadside stops delivered more **Black-faced Spoonbills**, flocks of **Long-toed** and **Red-necked Stints**, lots of good-looking **Pied Avocets**, a few **Sharp-tailed Sandpipers**, a lone **Black-tailed Godwit**, and some **Little Terns**. One last stop at a park had a freshwater pond teeming with birds, and we added **Garganey**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Eurasian Coot**, and **Yellow Bittern** before embarking on a rather long drive back up into the mountains to Dashueshan Forest Reserve, where we would spend two nights. This fantastic place is considered by many to be Taiwan's best birding site due to its extensive forest cover from the foothills all the way up to high elevations, and its easy access. We arrived in time to do a bit of birding on the drive up, finding the beautiful endemic **Taiwan Yellow Tit**, **Eurasian Nuthatch**, and finally some **Morisson's Fulvettas** – a common endemic that had been eluding us. We ventured out after dark to look for the fantastic **Red-and-white Flying Squirrels**, and we saw several at close range.



Pied Avocet at wetlands near Budai



Red-and-white Flying Squirrel at Dashueshan

24 April: The restaurant in the park doesn't open early (and it's one of the only places in Taiwan with no 7-11), so we had a well-appointed picnic breakfast instead. One of our few remaining endemics, the handsome **Rufous-crowned Laughingthrush**, kindly turned up while we were eating:



It was a nice way to start the day. We worked our way down the road from the lodge, finding **Little Forktail** but having no luck calling in Rusty Laughingthrush. However fortune smiled on us when Da Chih spotted a female **Taiwan Thrush**, the most difficult of all of Taiwan's endemic birds! A mad scramble ensued as everyone tried to get on it before it vanished, and fortunately it stayed in view long enough. Later in the morning we had a funny experience – we were searching intently for a **Taiwan Cupwing** that refused to show itself, when one of our group members calmly announced that there was one sitting right out on a log behind us!:



This time we all got it and it ended up being one of the trip favorites. We also had a **Snowy-browed Flycatcher** and a few of the group managed to see **Silver-backed Needletail**. It was quite a hot afternoon, so we took a long siesta after lunch, then headed up into the higher elevations at the end of the road for the afternoon.

A female **Oriental Cuckoo** was rather oddly perched out on a power line, and we wondered if it was a tired migrant taking a rest. At the end of the road we took a walk around the scenic forest and pond. It was pretty quiet, though we did see a **Eurasian Jay**, another **Eurasian Nutcracker**, and a **Flamecrest**. It was also fun playing with the always entertaining **White-whiskered Laughingthrushes** which were bounding around all over the place, showing no fear of people:



Our evening night walk got us more flying squirrels as well as a **Reeve's Muntjac**, but a singing **Mountain Scops-Owl** did not come close enough to see.

25 April: We had our field breakfast today down near the park gate, thinking that would be the best area for **Rusty Laughingthrush**, one of our two remaining endemic birds. For a while it wasn't looking good, but then finally, after walking down the road a bit, we found a lone bird perched up in gap in the foliage:



With that in the bag, we headed back to the bus, seeing a **White-backed Woodpecker**, another **Eurasian Jay**, and photographing some **Formosan Macaques** feeding in a fruiting tree. We had an odd encounter at the parking lot, when a **Siberian (Golden) Weasel** scampered into the men's room and somehow managed to disappear – though we were suspicious at one of locked stalls. Then it was back to the end of the road to look for a few last high elevation birds, without much luck. We spent time on an uncooperative **White-browed Bush-Robin** that gave at most a quick glimpse, and photographed some **Collared Bush-Robins**. After checking out of the lodge late morning, we drove back to the gate where we saw another male **Swinhoe's Pheasant**, the odd **Formosan Serow** (a tiny wild goat), and a flyover **Besra**. After a picnic lunch with hot noodles, we started working our way down towards lower elevations. We passed a small group of local birders staring intently into the undergrowth, and they excitedly waved us down. It turns out they had somehow spotted a roosting **Mountain Scops-Owl**:



It's incredibly unusual to see one during the daytime. The women who spotted it were preparing for the annual Dashueshan bird race that was going to start the next day, but they seemed to think the owl was not going to stick around. Lower down the mountains and out of the park, we stopped at one of Da Chih's stakeouts for **Striated Prinia**, and quickly found a very cooperative bird, along with **Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler** and **Rufous-capped Babbler**. Charley had given me info on a spot for **Vinous-throated Parrotbill**, which we still needed, so I plugged it into the GPS and we drove a few km's down the road to the waypoint. After a bit of playback, an inquisitive bird came in very close for superb views (*photo next page*). One advantage of running concurrent trips is that we share information and everyone benefits. We spent a single night in a town at the base of the mountains, and made sure to go look for **Savanna Nightjar** before dinner. This city-loving bird nests on buildings and we quickly found one that flew right overhead in the spotlight despite the heavy traffic.



Vinous-throated Parrotbill

26 April: Chestnut-bellied Tit was our last remaining endemic bird, and we were all keen to see. Fortunately we were not far from two of the best sites in Taiwan for this very cool bird. Our first stop was a scenic gorge called Guguan. We birded a little park, then crossed an impressive pedestrian suspension bridge over the river to a forest patch on the other side. Unfortunately no tits were about, though we did find a nesting **Bronzed Drongo** and the tour's first **White-bellied Erpornis**. Not giving up, we drove up the side of the valley to the nearby Basianshan National Forest for our last-ditch attempt. The bus could only go so far, but Da Chih was determined to get the "clean sweep" and started marching up the steep road while most of the group were being distracted by a **Gray-capped Woodpecker** excavating a nest. We caught up with him just as a big mixed-species flock came through, and finally we laid eyes on a gorgeous **Chestnut-bellied Tit**. Maybe it was the last endemic, but we were not ready to leave Taiwan just yet. Fairy Pitta is one of the world's rarest pittas, and one of only a few that are long-distance migrants. We had timed the trip to finish just as they were arriving on their nesting grounds in Taiwan (they also breed in Korea, Japan, and Russia). We drove back south to Huben, one of the most accessible of their nesting sites. After lunch (where a **Malayan Night-Heron** was sitting on a nest outside the restaurant), we learned that the hotel would not let us check in yet, so we got a head start on the pitta despite the hot afternoon. After walking a few hundred meters up a dirt track, we heard a **Fairy Pitta** singing close by and soon saw it moving very high up in the trees. Only a few got a poor view and then it frustratingly moved out of sight and stayed almost totally hidden until we decided to give up and try again in the morning.

27 April: Today we tried a different spot for the pitta. The trail started out easy but soon became more difficult, and then it totally disappeared as we ended up walking up a stream bed. However the **Fairy Pitta** was there, and this one was more obliging and even perched out on an open branch for a few moments. Since we still had a couple of hours left, we enjoyed some leisurely birding on an easier track, finding **Taiwan Scimitar-**

Babbler, Oriental Cuckoo, Asian Emerald Dove, some singing Arctic Warblers, and a Chinese Sparrowhawk. We also stumbled onto another Fairy Pitta:



Even though this one was farther away, it had a nice background which made the colors really pop. Finally we headed back to the hotel to pack up and check out. We made our way back north towards Taoyuan, stopping for a leisurely lunch and final bird list at what turned out to be a Belarusian restaurant, which was pretty unexpected but also tasty. We arrived at the international airport on schedule, and bid each other goodbye after a fun and productive trip. Thanks to all of you for coming, and I hope to bird with you again in the future!

BIRD LIST

The taxonomy of the bird list follows the August 2018 version of eBird/Clements (available here: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>)

Main tour (**MT**): 162 species seen, with an additional 5 heard only.

Extension (**X**): 129 species seen, with an additional 1 heard only

Totals for entire trip: 241 species seen, with an additional 6 heard only

h = HEARD only.

go = seen by the GUIDE ONLY.

E = species endemic to Taiwan

Essp = subspecies endemic to Taiwan

int = Introduced species

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

mt	ext	nbm	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>
mt		nbm	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>
	ext	nbm	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>
mt	ext		Eastern Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas zonorhyncha</i>
	ext	nbm	Green-winged (Eurasian) Teal	<i>Anas crecca crecca</i>

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies (Phasianidae)

mt		E	Taiwan Partridge	<i>Arborophila crudigularis</i>
mt		E	Taiwan Bamboo-Partridge	<i>Bambusicola sonorivox</i>
mt		E	Mikado Pheasant	<i>Syrnaticus mikado</i>
mt		Essp	Ring-necked (Formosan) Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus formosanus</i>
mt		E	Swinhoe's Pheasant	<i>Lophura swinhoii</i>

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

mt			Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
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Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

mt		int	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
	ext		Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis orientalis</i>
mt		Essp	Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis orii</i>
mt			Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
mt			Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
mt			Asian Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
mt			White-bellied Pigeon	<i>Treron sieboldii</i>

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

mt			Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>
mt		bm	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
mt-h		bm	Large Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx sparveriioides</i>
mt		bm	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus optatus</i>

Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

mt		Essp	Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis stictomus</i>
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Swifts (Apodidae)

mt		Essp	Silver-backed (Formosan) Needletail	<i>Hirundapus cochinchinensis formosanus</i>
	ext	bm	Pacific Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>
	ext	bm	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis nipalensis</i>
mt		Essp	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis kuntzi</i>

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

mt	ext		Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
mt			Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
mt-h	ext		White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

mt	ext		Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
mt		nbm	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>

Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)

mt		nbm	Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
	ext	nbm	Gray-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
		nbm	Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
mt			Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
	ext		Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
	ext		Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>

Painted-Snipes (Rostratulidae)

mt			Greater Painted-Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
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Jacanas (Jacanidae)

mt			Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
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Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

	ext	nbm	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
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mt		nbm	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
mt		nbm	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
mt		nbm	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
	ext	nbm	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
mt			Snipe sp.	<i>Gallinago sp.</i>
	ext	nbm	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
mt		nbm	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>

Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae)

mt	ext	bm	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>
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Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

	ext	nbm	Black-tailed Gull	<i>Larus crassirostris</i>
	ext		Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus (ssp?)</i>
	ext	nbm	Lesser Black-backed Gull (Heuglin's)	<i>Larus fuscus heuglini</i>
mt		nbm	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
mt		nbm	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
mt	ext		Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
	ext	nbm	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
	ext	bm	Great Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

mt			Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
mt			Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
mt	ext		Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
	ext		Pacific Reef-Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
mt	ext		Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
	ext	nbm	Chinese Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>
mt			Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
mt	ext		Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
mt	ext		Malayan Night-Heron	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

mt	ext	int	Sacred Ibis	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Black-faced Spoonbill	<i>Platalea minor</i>

Osprey (Pandionidae)

	ext	nbm	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
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Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

mt			Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
mt			Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
mt	ext	Essp	Crested (Taiwan) Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela hoya</i>
mt	ext		Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
	ext	nbm	Gray-faced Buzzard	<i>Butastur indicus</i>
mt	ext	Essp	Crested (Formosan) Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus formosae</i>

mt		nbm	Chinese Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>
	ext	nbm	Japanese Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter gularis</i>
mt		Essp	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus fuscipectus</i>
	ext		Black (Black-eared) Kite	<i>Milvus migrans formosanus</i>
	ext	nbm	Eastern Buzzard	<i>Buteo japonicus</i>
Owls (Strigidae)				
mt		Essp	Mountain Scops-Owl	<i>Otus spilocephalus hambroeki</i>
mt		Essp	Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia glabripes</i>
mt		Essp	Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei pardalotum</i>
mt-h			Northern Boobook	<i>Ninox japonica totogo</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)				
	ext	nbm	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)				
mt	ext		Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)				
mt	ext	E	Taiwan Barbet	<i>Psilopogon nuchalis</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)				
	ext	nbm	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
mt			Gray-capped (Pygmy-) Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>
mt		Essp	White-backed (Taiwan) Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos leucotos insularis</i>
Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)				
	ext	nbm	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Pittas (Pittidae)				
mt		bm	Fairy Pitta	<i>Pitta nympha</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)				
mt			Gray-chinned Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>
	ext	nbm	Ashy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus divaricatus</i>
	ext	nbm	Brown-rumped Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cantonensis</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)				
mt	ext	nbm	Brown Shrike (Philippine)	<i>Lanius cristatus lucionensis</i>
mt			Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>
Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)				
mt			White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>
Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)				
mt		Essp	Maroon (Red) Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii ardens</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)				
	ext		Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus</i>
mt		Essp	Black (Hartert's) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus harterti</i>
mt		Essp	Bronzed (Taiwan) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus braunianus</i>
Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)				
mt		Essp	Black-naped (Oberholtzer's) Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea oberholseri</i>
	ext		Japanese Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone atrocaudata</i>
Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)				
mt		Essp	Eurasian (Taiwan) Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius taivanus</i>
mt	ext	E	Taiwan Blue-Magpie	<i>Urocissa caerulea</i>
mt	ext	Essp	Gray (Formosan) Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae formosae</i>
mt	ext		Oriental Magpie	<i>Pica serica</i>
mt		Essp	Eurasian (Owston's) Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes owstoni</i>

mt			Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)				
mt			Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
Swallows (Hirundinidae)				
mt			Gray-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>
	ext	nbm	Bank Swallow (Sand Martin)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
mt	ext		Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
mt			Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
	ext	nbm	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
mt			Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>
mt			Asian House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>
Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)				
mt		Essp	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater ptilosus</i>
mt		E	Chestnut-bellied (Taiwan Varied) Tit	<i>Sittiparus castaneiventris</i>
mt		Essp	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus insperatus</i>
mt		E	Taiwan Yellow Tit	<i>Machlolophus holsti</i>
Long-tailed Tits (Aegithalidae)				
mt	ext		Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>
Nuthatches (Sittidae)				
mt			Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>
Wrens (Troglodytidae)				
mt		Essp	Eurasian (Taiwan) Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes taivanus</i>
Dippers (Cinclidae)				
mt			Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)				
mt		Essp	Collared (Gray-headed) Finchbill	<i>Spizixos semitorques cinereicapillus</i>
mt		E	Styan's (Taiwan) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus taivanus</i>
	ext		Light-vented (Chinese) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis sinensis</i>
mt		Essp	Light-vented (Chinese) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis formosae</i>
	ext		Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus leucocephalus</i>
mt		Essp	Black (Velvety) Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus nigerrimus</i>
Kinglets (Regulidae)				
mt		E	Flamecrest	<i>Regulus goodfellowi</i>
Cupwings (Pnoepygiae)				
mt		E	Taiwan Cupwing (Wren-Babbler)	<i>Pnoepyga formosana</i>
Bush Warblers and Allies (Scotocercidae)				
mt			Rufous-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus albogularis</i>
	ext	nbm	Manchurian (Korean) Bush Warbler	<i>Horornis borealis</i>
	ext		Brownish-flanked (Strong-footed) Bush-Warbler	<i>Horornis fortipes davidianus</i>
mt		Essp	Brownish-flanked (Strong-footed) Bush-Warbler	<i>Horornis fortipes robustipes</i>
mt		Essp	Yellowish-bellied (Taiwan) Bush-Warbler	<i>Horornis acanthizoides concolor</i>
Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)				
	ext	nbm	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>
	ext	nbm	Pallas's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>
	ext	nbm	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>
	ext	nbm	Eastern Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i>
	ext	nbm	Pale-legged/Sakhalin Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tenellipes/borealoides</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>
Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)				

mt		E	Taiwan Bush Warbler	<i>Locustella alishanensis</i>
Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)				
mt		Essp	Striated Prinia	<i>Prinia crinigera striata</i>
mt	ext		Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>
	ext		Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata extensicauda</i>
mt		Essp	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata flavirostris</i>
mt			Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
mt-h		Essp	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis volitans</i>
Parrotbills, Wrenit, and Allies (Paradoxornithidae)				
mt		E	Taiwan Fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta formosana</i>
mt		Essp	Vinous-throated (Pink-headed) Parrotbill	<i>Sinosuthora webbiana bulomacha</i>
mt		Essp	Golden (Morrison's) Parrotbill	<i>Suthora verreauxi morrisoniana</i>
White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)				
mt		E	Taiwan Yuhina	<i>Yuhina brunneiceps</i>
mt			Japanese White-eye	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>
Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers, and Allies (Timaliidae)				
mt		Essp	Rufous-capped (Bright-faced) Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma ruficeps praecognitum</i>
mt	ext	E	Taiwan Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus musicus</i>
mt		E	Black-necklaced Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Megapomatorhinus erythrocnemis</i>
Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)				
mt		Essp	Dusky (Brown) Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus brunneus brunneus</i>
Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)				
mt		E	Morrison's (Gray-cheeked) Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe morrisonia</i>
mt		E	Taiwan Hwamei	<i>Garrulax taewanus</i>
mt		E	Rufous-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla ruficeps</i>
mt		E	Rusty Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla poecilorhyncha</i>
mt		E	White-whiskered Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron morrisonianum</i>
mt		E	White-eared Sibia	<i>Heterophasia auricularis</i>
mt		E	Steere's Liocichla	<i>Liocichla steerii</i>
mt		E	Taiwan Barwing	<i>Actinodura morrisoniana</i>
Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)				
	ext	nbm	Gray-streaked Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa griseisticta</i>
mt	ext	bm	Ferruginous Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i>
	ext	nbm	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
	ext	int	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
mt		int	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
mt		Essp	Vivid (Taiwan) Niltava	<i>Niltava vivida vivida</i>
	ext	nbm	Blue-and-white Flycatcher	<i>Cyanoptila cyanomelana</i>
mt		Essp	White-browed (Taiwan) Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx montana goodfellowi</i>
	ext-h	nbm	Rufous-tailed Robin	<i>Larvivora sibilans</i>
	ext	nbm	Siberian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora cyane</i>
mt		E	Taiwan (Formosan) Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus insularis</i>
	ext		Blue Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
mt		Essp	Little (Taiwan) Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri fortis</i>
mt		nbm	Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Calliope calliope</i>
mt		Essp	White-tailed (Mountain) Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura montium</i>
	ext	nbm	Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>
mt-go		Essp	White-browed Bush-Robin (Taiwan Robin)	<i>Tarsiger indicus formosanus</i>

mt		E	Collared (Johnstone's) Bush-Robin	<i>Tarsiger johnstoniae</i>
	ext	nbm	Yellow-rumped (Korean) Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula zanthopygia</i>
	ext	nbm	Narcissus Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula narcissina</i>
	ext	nbm	Mugimaki Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula mugimaki</i>
mt		Essp	Snowy-browed (Taiwan) Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra innexa</i>
	ext	nbm	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
mt		Essp	Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus affinis</i>
	ext	nbm	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>
	ext		Blue Rock-Thrush (pandoo)	<i>Monticola solitarius pandoo</i>
	ext		Blue Rock-Thrush (philippensis)	<i>Monticola solitarius philippensis</i>
	ext	nbm	Siberian Stonechat (Stejneger's)	<i>Saxicola maurus stejnegeri</i>

Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)

	ext	nbm	Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus mandarinus</i>
mt		E	Taiwan (Island) Thrush	<i>Turdus niveiceps</i>
	ext	nbm	Japanese Thrush	<i>Turdus cardis</i>
	ext	nbm	Gray-backed Thrush	<i>Turdus hortulorum</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Eyebrowed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Brown-headed Thrush	<i>Turdus chrysolais</i>
	ext	nbm	Pale Thrush	<i>Turdus pallidus</i>

Starlings (Sturnidae)

mt	ext	int	Black-collared Starling	<i>Gracupica nigricollis</i>
	ext	nbm	White-shouldered Starling	<i>Sturnia sinensis</i>
mt		int	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>
	ext	nbm	Red-billed Starling	<i>Spodiopsar sericeus</i>
	ext	nbm	White-cheeked Starling	<i>Spodiopsar cineraceus</i>
mt	ext	int	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
mt	ext	int	Javan Myna	<i>Acridotheres javanicus</i>
	ext		Crested Myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus cristatellus</i>
mt		Essp	Crested (Formosan) Myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus formosanus</i>

Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)

mt		Essp	Fire-breasted (Formosan) Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus formosum</i>
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Accentors (Prunellidae)

mt		Essp	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris fennelli</i>
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Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

	ext	nbm	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
	ext	nbm	Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
	ext	nbm	Eastern Yellow Wagtail (Eastern)	<i>Motacilla tschutschensis tschutschensis</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Eastern Yellow Wagtail (Green-headed)	<i>Motacilla tschutschensis taivana</i>
	ext	nbm	Eastern Yellow Wagtail (Manchurian)	<i>Motacilla tschutschensis macronyx</i>
	ext	nbm	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
	ext	nbm	White Wagtail (ocularis)	<i>Motacilla alba ocularis</i>
mt	ext		White Wagtail (Chinese)	<i>Motacilla alba leucopsis</i>
mt	ext	nbm	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
	ext	nbm	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>
	ext	nbm	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>
	ext	nbm	American (Buff-bellied) Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens japonicus</i>

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

	ext	nbm	Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>
	ext	nbm	Yellow-billed Grosbeak	<i>Eophona migratoria</i>
mt		E	Taiwan (Vinaceous) Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus formosanus</i>

mt		Essp	Brown (Uchida's) Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis uchidai</i>
mt-h		Essp	Gray-headed (Owston's) Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula erythaca owstoni</i>
	ext	nbn	Oriental Greenfinch	<i>Chloris sinica</i>

Old World Buntings (Emberizidae)

	ext	nbn	Yellow-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza aureola</i>
	ext	nbn	Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>
	ext	nbn	Yellow Bunting	<i>Emberiza sulphurata</i>
	ext	nbn	Black-faced Bunting	<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>
	ext	nbn	Chestnut Bunting	<i>Emberiza rutila</i>
	ext	nbn	Yellow-browed Bunting	<i>Emberiza chrysophrys</i>
	ext	nbn	Tristram's Bunting	<i>Emberiza tristrami</i>

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

			Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer cinnamomeus</i>
mt	ext		Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>

Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)

mt			Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
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MAMMALS**OLD WORLD MONKEYS: Cercopithecidae**

mt	ext	E	Formosan Rock Macaque	<i>Macaca cyclopsis</i>
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SQUIRRELS: Sciuridae

mt		Essp	Red-and-white Flying-Squirrel	<i>Petaurista alborufus lena</i>
mt		Essp	Maritime (Formosan) Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops maritimus formosanus</i>
mt		Essp	Perny's (Owston's) Long-nosed Squirrel	<i>Dremomys pernyi owstoni</i>
mt	ext	Essp	Pallas's (Formosan) Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus erythraeus taiwanensis</i>

WEASELS: Mustelidae

mt		Essp	Siberian (Golden) Weasel	<i>Mustela sibirica taivana</i>
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DEER: Cervidae

mt		Essp	Reeve's Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>
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BOVIDS: Bovidae

mt		E	(Formosan) Serow	<i>Capricornis swinhoei</i>
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A selection of other critters below (more may be added) from both main the tour and the extension is below. Thanks to Virginia Fairchild, Cathy Pasterczyk, and Da Chih Chen for identifying a lot of these.

Herps

h	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
	Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>
	Central Formosan Toad	<i>Bufo bankorensis</i>
	Latouchi's Frog	<i>Rana latouchii</i>
	Taiwan Jalapure	<i>Diploderma swinhonis</i>
	Brown Anole	<i>Anolis sagrei</i>
	Common thread turtle	<i>Mauremys sinensis</i>

Butterflies

	Glassy Tiger	<i>Parantica aglea maghaba</i>
	Blue-banded King Crow	<i>Euploea eunice</i>
	Taiwan Wave-eye	<i>Ypthima multistriata</i>
	Single-ring Brushbrown	<i>Mycalesis sangaica mara</i>
	Chinese Brushbrown	<i>Mycalesis gotama</i>

Common Palmfly	<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i>
	<i>Penthenia formosanum</i>
The Rustic	<i>Cupha erymanthis</i>
Sullied Sailor	<i>Neptis soma</i>
Great Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas bolina kezia</i>
Cabbage White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>
Indian Cabbage White	<i>Pieris canidia</i>
Great Orange Tip	<i>Hebomoia glaucippe formosana</i>
Common Rose	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae interposita</i>
	<i>Actias neidhoeferi</i>
Banyan tussock moth	<i>Perina nuda</i>
	<i>Lymantria concolor</i>
Club Silverline	<i>Cigaritis syama</i>
	<i>Heliophorus ila matsumurae</i>
	<i>Jamides alecto dromicus</i>
	<i>Nacaduba beroe asakusa</i>
Malayan	<i>Megisba malaya sikkima</i>
Opaque Sixline Blue	<i>Nacaduba beroe</i>
Zebra Blue	<i>Leptotes plinius</i>
Common Hedge Blue	<i>Acytolepis puspa</i>
	<i>Euploea sylvester swinhoei</i>
	<i>Idea leuconoe clara</i>
Ceylon Blue Glassy Tiger	<i>Ideopsis similis</i>
Plain Tiger Butterfly	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>
Rustic	<i>Cupha erymanthis</i>
	<i>Libythea celtis formosana</i>
	<i>Neptis taiwana</i>
Blue Admiral	<i>Kaniska canace</i>
	<i>Ypthima esakii</i>
	<i>Neope muirheadii nagasawae</i>
	<i>Neope armandii lacticolora</i>
	<i>Graphium doson postianus</i>
Spangle Swallowtail	<i>Papilio protenor</i>
	<i>Papilio hopponis</i>
	<i>Eurema blanda arsakia</i>
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>
Indian Cabbage White	<i>Pieris canidia</i>
Dragonflies & Damselflies	
Tiger Hawker	<i>Polycanthagyna erythromelas</i>
Common Red Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum pruinatum neglectum</i>
Blue Marsh Hawk	<i>Orthetrum glaucum</i>
Ditch Jewel	<i>Brachythemis contaminata</i>
	<i>Ceriagrion auranticum ryukyuanum</i>
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>