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Observations are restricted to the less common species, or of unusual or breeding details of those more common. (M) indicates migrant species.

SYSTEMATIC LIST

PHASIANIDAE

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| Blue-breasted Quail
<i>Coturnix chinensis</i> | Two observed at Kuching airport in October. |
| Crested Partridge
<i>Rollulus rouloul</i> | A covey of six observed in Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary in October. |

PICIDAE

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| Grey-capped Woodpecker
<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i> | Recorded in the Lingga area (SB). Observed at 900 metres on Gunung Penrissen and in Semengoh Forest Reserve. |
| Chequer-throated Woodpecker
<i>Picus mentalis</i> | Recorded on Gunung Serapi at 300 metres in October (SB). |

Olive-backed
Woodpecker
Dinopium rafflesii One observed in *kerangas* near Bario in April.

Buff-necked
Woodpecker
Meiglyptes tukki One observed in Batang Ai National Park in March.

Grey-and-buff
Woodpecker
Hemicircus concretus Observed in swamp forest along Batang Samarahan in July and October.

MEGALAIMIDAE

Bornean Barbet
Megalaima eximia Observed at 1000 metres on Gunung Penrissen in June and July.

BUCEROTIDAE

Black Hornbill
Anthracoceros malayanus Up to seven birds were in Semengoh Forest Reserve in July, as a result of rehabilitated birds breeding. Observed feeding on figs in Batang Samarahan swamp forest in September and at Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary.

Bushy-crested Hornbill
Anorrhinus galeritus Observed along Batang Ai in March and in Similajau National Park in June.

White-crowned Hornbill
Aceros comatus Two observed at 1400 metres in the Kelabit Highlands in February. Observed along Batang Ai in March.

Wreathed Hornbill
Aceros undulatus Nine observed feasting on fruiting trees on Gunung Penrissen in June, and five in September.

TROGONIDAE

Diard's Trogon
Harpactes diardii A female observed eating fruit in Gunung Gading National Park in September.

ALCEDINIDAE

- Common Kingfisher (M) Latest date migrants seen 4 April, first arrival
Alcedo atthis 15 September.
- Blue-eared Kingfisher Observed along Batang Ai in March; banded at
Alcedo meninting Semengoh Fisheries Centre in August, and in
Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary in September.
- Blue-banded Kingfisher One recorded in the Bario area in April.
Alcedo euryzona
- Black-backed Kingfisher One banded at Damai in August.
Ceyx erithacus

HALCYONIDAE

- Black-capped Kingfisher Observed at Semengoh Fisheries Centre in
(M) January. Three recorded at Damai in
Halcyon pileata December (SB).

CUCULIDAE

- Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo Observed in Niah National Park in February.
(M) Both the resident and the two migrant races
Cuculus fugax are uncommon.
- Banded Bay Cuckoo Observed in Niah National Park in January, in
Cacomantis sonneratii the Kelabit Highlands in February, and in
Kubah National Park in March.
- Rusty-breasted Cuckoo Observed at Pasir Putih, Muara Tebas in beach
Cacomantis sepulchralis scrub in January, and along Batang Samarahan
in peat swamp forest in September.
- Asian Koel (M) Observed at Mukah in December (SB).
Eudynamys scolopacea
- Black-bellied Malkoha Observed at 300 metres in Kubah National
Phaenicophaeus diardi Park in July and at sea level in peat swamp
forest at Samarahan.