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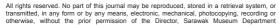
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Observations are restricted to the less common species, or of unusual or breeding details of those more common. (M) indicates migrant species.

PHASIANIDAE

SYSTEMATIC LIST

Blue-breasted Quail Coturnix chinensis	Two observed at Kuching airport in October.
Crested Partridge Rollulus rouloul	A covey of six observed in Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary in October.
PICIDAE	
Grey-capped Woodpecker Dendrocopus canicapillus	Recorded in the Lingga area (SB). Observed at 900 metres on Gunung Penrissen and in Semengoh Forest Reserve.
Chequer-throated Woodpecker Picus mentalis	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)

Alcedo atthis

Latest date migrants seen 4 April, first arrival 15 September.

Blue-eared Kingfisher Alcedo meninting

Observed along Batang Ai in March; banded at Semengoh Fisheries Centre in August, and in Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary in September.

Blue-banded Kingfisher Alcedo euryzona

One recorded in the Bario area in April.

Black-backed Kingfisher Ceyx erithacus

One banded at Damai in August.

HALCYONIDAE

Black-capped Kingfisher (M)
Halcvon pileata

Observed at Semengoh Fisheries Centre in January. Three recorded at Damai in December (SB).

CUCULIDAE

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo (M) Cuculus fugax Observed in Niah National Park in February. Both the resident and the two migrant races are uncommon.

Banded Bay Cuckoo Cacomantis sonneratii

Observed in Niah National Park in January, in the Kelabit Highlands in February, and in Kubah National Park in March.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo Cacomantis sepulcralis

Observed at Pasir Putih, Muara Tebas in beach scrub in January, and along Batang Samarahan in peat swamp forest in September.

Asian Koel (M) Eudynamys scolopacea Observed at Mukah in December (SB).

Black-bellied Malkoha Phaenicophaeus diardi Observed at 300 metres in Kubah National Park in July and at sea level in peat swamp forest at Samarahan.