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INTRODUCTION

In the first edition of *The Birds of Borneo* (Smythies, 1960), the following twenty-nine birds were listed as Bornean endemics.

1. Red-breasted Partridge *Arborophila hyperythra*
2. Crimson-headed Partridge *Haematoryx sanguiniceps*
3. Bulwer's Pheasant *Lophura bulweri*
4. Mountain Barbet *Megalaima monticola*
5. Golden-naped Barbet *Megalaima pulcherrima*
6. Bornean Barbet *Megalaima eximia*
7. Whitehead's Trogon *Harpactes whiteheadi*
8. Dulit Frogmouth *Batrachostomus harterti*
9. Blue-headed Pitta *Pitta baudii*
10. Blue-banded Pitta *Pitta arquata*

11. Hose's Broadbill *Calyptomena hosii*
12. Whitehead's Broadbill *Calyptomena whiteheadi*
13. Bornean Whistler *Pachycephala hypoxantha*
14. Bornean Bristlehead *Pityriasis gymnocephala*
15. Black Oriole *Oriolus hosii*
16. Everett's Thrush *Zoothera everetti*
17. Fruithunter *Chlamydochaera jefferyi*
18. Bornean Blue Flycatcher *Muscicapa superbus*
19. Pygmy White-eye *Oculocincta squamifrons*
20. Mountain Black-eye *Chlorocharis emiliae*
21. Bornean Stubtail *Cettia whiteheadi*
22. Friendly Bush Warbler *Bradypterus accentor*
23. Bornean Wren Babbler *Ptilocichla leucogrammica*
24. Black-throated Wren Babbler *Napothera atrigularis*
25. Mountain Wren Babbler *Napothera crassa*
26. Brown Quaker Babbler *Alcippe brunneicauda*
27. Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker *Prionochilus xanthopygius*
28. Whitehead's Spiderhunter *Arachnothera juliae*
29. Dusky Munia *Lonchura fuscans*

In the 2nd edition of *The Birds of Borneo* (Smythies, 1968), the Brown Quaker Babbler *Alcippe brunneicauda* was removed from the endemics list.

The 3rd edition of *The Birds of Borneo* (Smythies, 1981) added the following three birds to the list, bringing the total to 31 endemic birds.

1. Mountain Serpent Eagle *Spilornis kinabaluensis*
2. White-fronted Falconet *Microhierax latifrons*
3. Chestnut-crested Yuhina *Yuhina everetti*

The 4th and latest edition (Smythies, 1999) added eight more birds to the list, bringing the total to 39 endemics.

1. Dulit Partridge *Rhizothera dulitensis*
2. Bornean Peacock Pheasant *Polyplectron schleiermacheri*
3. Bornean Ground Cuckoo *Carpococcyx radiatus*