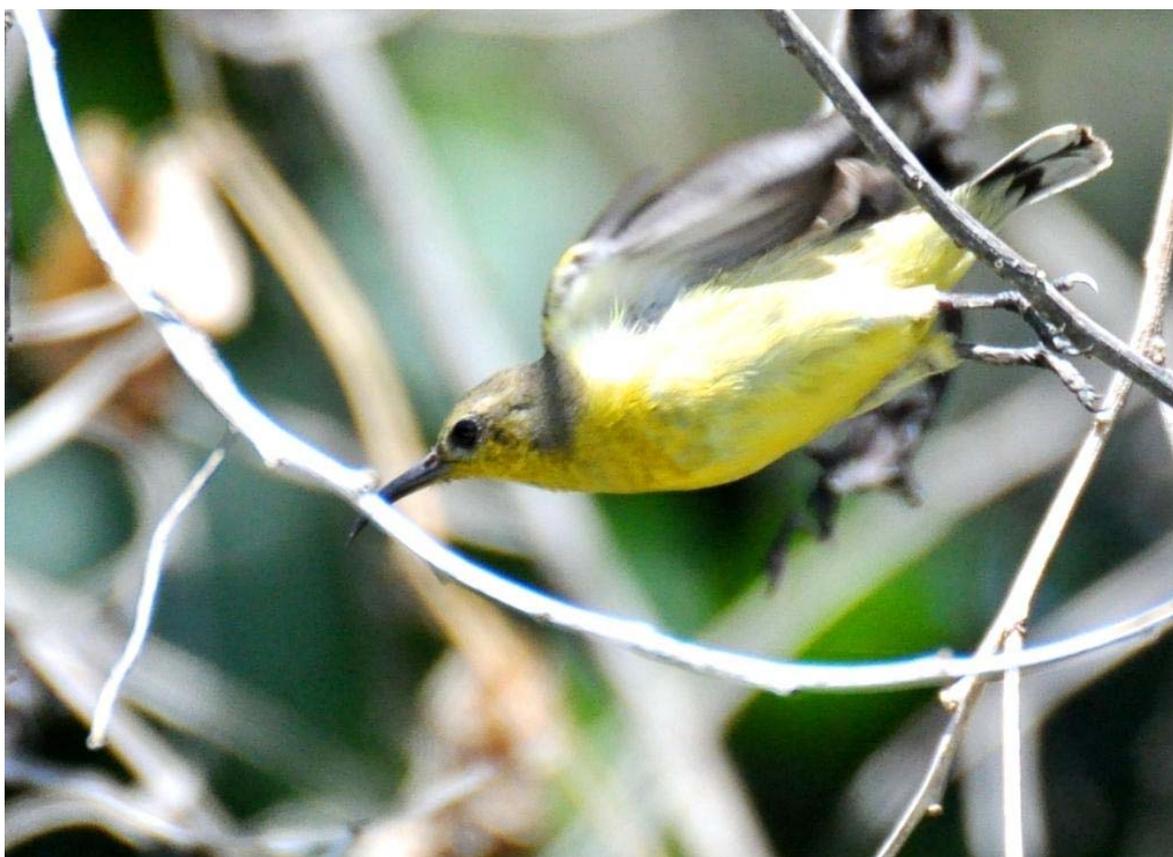


Hainan

Jianfengling and Tianya Haijiao



Olive-backed Sunbird, female

Wednesday, 25th
– Friday, 27th February 2009

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Itinerary

- Arrival Flight from Shenzhen, arrived Sanya at 11pm (90 mins late)
- Day 1 Drive from Sanya (6.30am) to Jianfengling (8.30am)
Ming Feng valley circular walk (9.30am – midday)
Walk from Ming Feng (12.30pm) to Yulingu resort (7pm)
- Day 2 Chalet area and adjacent roadside (7am – 8am)
Ming Feng valley circular walk (8am – 11am)
Walk from Ming Feng to Primary Forest and back again (11am – 7pm)
- Day 3 Ming Feng valley circular walk (7am – 9.45am)
150km drive from Jianfengling (10am) to Tianya Haijiao, Sanya (11.50am)
Tianya Haijiao (Midday – 3pm)
Drive to airport (3pm – 3.35pm) for flight to Beijing (4.30pm)
Arrive Beijing (8.15pm)

Annotated list of species seen

Red Jungle Fowl

Gallus gallus jabouillei

One male flushed during the walk in the Primary Forest on Day 2.

"Whitehead's" Silver Pheasant

Lophura nycthemera whiteheadi - Hainan endemic subspecies

A resplendent male on the main track, in the Primary Forest, 1km beyond the Watch Tower, on Day 2.

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei

Several, seen each day on Tian Chi ("Sky Lake")

"Swinhoe's" Grey-capped Woodpecker

Dendrocopos canicapillus swinhoei - Hainan endemic subspecies

One on Day 1 on the Ming Feng Valley stairway circular walk (200m from the starting point); two on Day 2 in the Primary Forest, beyond the Watch Tower (the second bird in the same tree as the Yellow-billed Nuthatch).



"Styan's" Greater Yellownape

Picus flavinucha styani

One on Day 2 on the Ming Feng Valley stairway circular walk (200m from the starting point), in the same tree as the pair of Greater Racket-tailed Drongos; a Bronzed Drongo and pair of Ratchet-tailed Treepies.



Black-browed Barbet

Megalaima oorti faber - Hainan endemic subspecies

Several, seen each day – most numerous in the Ming Feng Valley.



“Hainan” Red-headed Trogon

Harpactes erythrocephalus hainanus - Hainan endemic subspecies

This was the first bird I saw after arriving at the forest lodge – perched in a tree next to one of the chalets; but it flew before I could get my camera (or binoculars) on it. A pair on Day 2, 100 metres from the starting point of the Ming Feng Valley circular walk was, therefore, much appreciated.



Asian Palm Swift

Cypsiurus balasiensis infumatus

About a dozen birds flying low of straw-roofed houses at the start of the walk from Tian Chi to Yulingu.



House Swift

Apus nipalensis nipalensis

A few, seen each day in the mountains and also at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3, flying low over the palm trees.

Spotted Dove

Streptopelia chinensis chinensis

Two at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon

Ducula badia griseicapilla

One in display flight over the forest; seen from the riverside on a detour from the long walk to Yulingu on Day 2. (Photos on the following page)



Woodcock

Scolopax rusticola

Flushed from a roadside ditch, 400m down from the Ming Feng Valley forest lodge.

Black-shouldered Kite

Elanus caeruleus vociferus

Two seen on Day 1 and two on Day 3, hunting over the lowland fields, on the journey to and from Jianfengling.

"Rutherford's" Crested Serpent Eagle

Spilornis cheela rutherfordi - Hainan endemic subspecies

One seen high over the forest on Day 2, on the walk from Ming Feng Valley to Tian Chi.



Chinese Goshawk

Accipiter soloensis

One seen on Day 2, spiraling over the forest and then flying over the treetops, on the walk from Ming Feng Valley to Tian Chi. (Photo on the previous page)

Shikra

Accipiter badius poliopsis

One flew through the forest and landed on a tree in front of me on Day 2 near to the start of the Ming Feng Valley circular walk.

Mountain Hawk Eagle

Spizaetus nipalensis nipalensis

One, on Day 2, spiraling high above the forest on the walk from Ming Feng Valley to Tian Chi.

Orange-bellied Leafbird

Chloropsis hardwickii lazulina – Hainan endemic subspecies

One male calling from the top of a tall “primary tree”, near to the viewing platform of the Ming Feng Valley.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach schach

A few on the journey up the mountain on Day 1.

Brown Shrike

Lanius cristatus (ssp not determinable)

Two at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.

"Hainan" Large Woodshrike

Tephrodornis gularis hainanus

One, on day 1, in the large flock that moved up the Ming Feng Valley (from 400m to 800m from the start of the circular walk – on the right hand fork).



"Whitehead's" White-winged Magpie

Urocissa whiteheadi whiteheadi - Hainan endemic nominate subspecies

Seven birds, at dusk on Day 1, near to Yulingu resort, flew across the road into the coniferous forest. And a pair, on Day 2, in the roadside trees, 200m down from the Ming Feng Valley forest lodge.



Ratchet-tailed Treepie

Temnurus temnurus

A pair on Day 2, 200m from the starting point of the Ming Feng Valley circular walk, in the same tree as the pair of Greater Racket-tailed Drongos; a Bronzed Drongo and Greater Yellowname.

Scarlet Minivet

Pericrocotus flammeus fraterculus – Hainan endemic subspecies

Two, on Day 1, near to the viewing platform of the Ming Feng Valley.

Grey-chinned Minivet

Pericrocotus solaris griseogularis

Several each day, at all locations, including the chalet area.



Black Drongo

Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus

Two birds on Day 2.

Bronzed Drongo

Dicrurus aeneus aeneus

One, on Day 2, 200m from the starting point of the Ming Feng Valley circular walk, in the same tree as the pair of Ratchet-tailed Treepies, pair of Greater Racket-tailed Drongos, and Greater Yellownapes.

"John's" Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus paradiseus johni - Hainan endemic subspecies

A pair, on Day 2, 200m from the starting point of the Ming Feng Valley circular walk, in the same tree as the pair of Ratchet-tailed Treepies, Bronzed Drongo, and Greater Yellownapes.



"Styan's" Black-naped Monarch

Hypothymis azurea styani

One, a female, on Day 2, 400m from the start of the Primary Forest walk, on the return leg.

Chinese Blackbird

Turdus mandarinus (ssp not determinable)

Two, on Day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.

Rufous-tailed Robin

Luscinia sibilans

One, on Day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.

Brown Flycatcher

Muscicapa dauurica

One, on Day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.

Taiga Flycatcher

Ficedula albicilla

One, on Day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.

Pale Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis unicolor diaoluensis - Hainan endemic subspecies

One female on Day 1 in the chalet area; and a pair on Day 3 in Ming Feng Valley.



Oriental Magpie Robin

Copsychus saularis prosthopellus

A few, on Day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.



Red-billed Starling

Sturnus sericeus

A flock of c30, on day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.



"Hainan" Yellow-billed Nuthatch

Sitta solangiae chienfengensis - Hainan endemic subspecies

One, on Day 2, in the Primary Forest beyond the Watch Tower (in the same tree as a Grey-capped Woodpecker). (Photo on the previous page)

Sultan Tit

Melanochlora sultanea flavocristata

A group of about half-a-dozen, among a large flock of birds that moved up the Ming Feng Valley (from 400m to 800m from the start of the circular walk – on the right hand fork).



Swallow

Hirundo rustica (mandschurica?)

A few on Day 3 on the way from Jianfengling to Sanya.

Chinese Bulbul

Pycnonotus sinensis hainanus

Several, on day 3, at Tianya Haijiao.



Puff-throated Bulbul

Alophoixus pallidus pallidus - Hainan endemic nominate subspecies

Up to c15 birds seen each day in the forest areas.



Chestnut Bulbul

Hemixos castanonotus castanonotus

A few birds seen each day in and around the Ming Feng Valley.

Mountain Bulbul

Ixos mccllellandii similis

A few birds seen each day in and around the Ming Feng Valley.



Yellow-bellied Prinia

Prinia flaviventris sonitans

A few birds seen on the walk down from the Ming Feng Valley forest lodge to Tian Chi on Day 1 and Day 2.



Hainan Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus hainanus – Hainan endemic

Several birds seen each day in the forests of Jianfengling, including the forest lodge area.



Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus inornatus

A few birds seen each day in the forest and at Tianya Haijiao

Mountain Tailorbird

Orthotomus cuculatus coronatus

One, seen on Day 2, in Ming Feng Valley.

Rufous-faced Warbler

Abroscopus albogularis fulvifacies

Two on Day 1 and one on Day 2 in Ming Feng Valley and adjacent area.

"Hainan" Greater-necklaced Laughingthrush

Garrulax pectoralis semitorquatus – Hainan endemic subspecies

Four, on Day 1, in Ming Feng Valley

Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush

Garrulax castanotis – Hainan endemic

A flock of several birds, rustling in the leaf-litter on the morning of Day 2 in Ming Feng Valley.

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus ruficollis nigrostellatus – Hainan endemic subspecies

Two birds seen on Day 1 and also on Day 2 in and around the Ming Feng Valley.

"Swinhoe's" Spot-necked Babbler

Stachyris striolata swinhoei – Hainan endemic subspecies

A flock of five or six birds seen each day in the roadside bushes no more than 400m down the access road to the Ming Feng Valley forest lodge (the junction with road to the military base was their preferred location).

“Goodson’s” Rufous-capped Babbler

Stachyris ruficeps goodsoni – Hainan endemic subspecies

One or two seen on Day 1 and Day 2 in the roadside bushes just below the forest lodge.

Grey-cheeked Fulvetta

Alcippe morrisonia rufescentior – Hainan endemic subspecies

A few flocks of up to c15 birds seen in the forest each day.



White-bellied Yuhina

Yuhina zantholeuca tyrannula

Several birds seen each day in the forest, and also around the chalet area.

Olive-backed Sunbird

Cinnyris jugularis rhizophorae

Two males and one female (three separate sightings) at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3. Alas, I had just changed to a 70mm lens prior to my departure for the airport when a male landed just a few yards away, as I was eating my ice cream (photo on next page).



"Christina's" Fork-tailed Sunbird

Aethopyga christinae christinae – Hainan endemic nominate subspecies

One on Day 1 and two on Day 2 in and around the Ming Feng Valley.

Japanese White-eye

Zosterops japonicus hainanus – Hainan endemic subspecies

Three or four at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata topela

A flock of c12 at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.



White Wagtail

Motacilla alba ssp – subspecies not determined

One at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.

Olive-backed Pipit

Anthus hodgsoni hodgsoni

On Day 3, c10 at Tianya Haijiao.

**Oriental Greenfinch**

Carduelis sinica ssp (Subspecies not determined)

Two at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.

Tree Sparrow

Passer montanus malaccensis

One at Tianya Haijiao on Day 3.

The following were seen at the golf course and adjacent rough ground, near to Shenzhen airport, Guangdong, on the the late afternoon of Tuesday, 26th February:

Swallow

Hirundo rustica ssp (Subspecies not determined)

Ten or more around the golf course.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach schach

Two in bushes on the rough ground



Sooty-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus aurigaster chrysorrhoides

One in the bushes on the side of the track track adjacent to gold course.



Fan-tailed Warbler

Cisticola juncidis tinnabulans

At least three in display flight on the rough ground, adjacent to the golf course.



White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus

One, running by the side of the lake that runs parallel with a golf course fairway.



Black-collared Starling

Gracupica nigricollis

Four flocks of 15-30 flying towards the hills.



NB: The nomenclature of the scientific names follows "Clements Checklist 6.3.2 December 2008", with the exceptions of *Turdus mandarinus* and *Garrula castanotis* which are treated in the aforementioned work as *Turdus merula mandarinus* and *Garrulax maesi castanotis* respectively.