

# Bali and East Java

11-20 April 2026

This tour is a great introduction to birding in Indonesia. Safe, comfortable and reliable, this tour covers the well-known yet from a birding point of view under-explored island of Bali and the adjacent eastern part of Java. These two areas boast a wide variety of birds, many of which are endemic to small regions.

Bali and Java contain a rich diversity in habitats within a relatively small area. From coastal lagoons — a haven for waterbirds — to savannah-like grasslands with some unique species. Indonesia boasts some of the bird-richest rainforests on the planet, tropical in the lowlands and temperate rainforest

covering the slopes of long-extinct volcanoes: this tour covers them all.

Most importantly, you will be accompanied by an experienced Australian guide who has birded the Indonesian islands many times and has worked with local people for years. Accompanied by a local guide and dedicated driver, the team will make sure that the tour runs smoothly and that all you need to worry about is enjoying the birds! As an added bonus, the area is rich in history, culture and spectacular wildlife.

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 0: 11th April 2026

#### Arrival in Bali

Fly to Bali, where you will be greeted at the airport by our Bellbird tour leader and transferred to your hotel to rest and refresh. Should you decide to travel earlier, please make your own way to our hotel. We will meet this evening for dinner, introductions and orientation.

Overnight: Tuban, en-suite hotel rooms

Meals included: Dinner

### Day 1: 12th April 2026

#### Southern Bali and Hindu Temple

After an early breakfast we head out for the day to visit a number of habitats around the southern regions of Bali. Here we will find some spectacular birds including Small-blue and Collared Kingfisher, Sunda Teal, Pink-necked Pigeon, Olive-backed Tailorbird and Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker, as well as huge groups of Heron, Egret and Cormorant. We will look for the endemic Javan Plover and enjoy good views of an assortment of waders, waterfowl and watch for raptors and frigatebirds overhead.

We'll also visit an ancient Hindu temple situated high above the ocean to search for the endangered Black-winged Starling, and be treated with ocean views of White-tailed Tropicbirds.

Overnight: Tuban, en-suite hotel rooms

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 2: 13th April 2026

#### North to Bedugul

Today we'll make an early departure for our drive north through the mountains graced with rice fields, rainforests, lakes and temples. These habitats should yield a diversity of birds including Javan Kingfisher, Javan, Nutmeg and White-capped Munia, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Ruddy Cuckoo-dove, White-crowned Forktail and more. Around a lake we should see Cinnamon and Yellow Bittern and Striated Grassbird.

Overnight: Bedugul, en-suite motel rooms

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Small-blue Kingfisher, Sunda Teal, Purple Heron, Javan Plover, and the endangered Black-winged Starling. All photos by Peter Waanders.

### Day 3: 14th April 2026

#### Bedugul Botanic Gardens to Bali Barat

After breakfast and only a short drive we find ourselves at the Bedugul Botanic Gardens. A well laid out and cared for habitat that features more mountain species including Mountain Tailorbird, Javan Grey-throated and Mountain Whiteeye. Also likely are Indonesian Honeyeater, Fulvous-chested Jungle-Flycatcher, Blood-breasted Flowerpecker, Scarlet Minivet, Ashy Drongo and Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher. After lunch we take a scenic drive to the north coast and then west to the Bali Barat (West Bali) region.

Overnight: West Bali, en-suite motel rooms

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: 15th April 2026

#### Bali Barat NP to Java

Today we head to the famous Bali Barat National Park. Only a short drive from our accommodation we find ourselves poised to see one of Indonesia's most endangered species of bird: the Bali Myna. We're also likely to encounter Beach Stone-Curlew, Savannah Nightjar, Black-thighed Falconet, Small Minivet, Blue-eared Kingfisher and various Woodpeckers.

After observing the rare Bali Myna we take a short boat ride to an atoll island for the curious Lemon-bellied White-eye, where we're also likely to see Mangrove Whistler. Back to the mainland for our other major target: the Javan Banded Pitta. En-route we'll look for Rufous-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher, Grey-rumped Treeswift, Orange-breasted Pigeon and Green Junglefowl. Lastly we check tidal flats for Lesser Adjutant, Gull-billed Heron and shorebirds prior to a short ferry ride to Java.

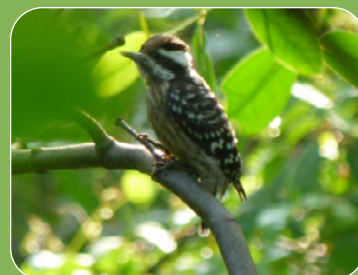
Overnight: Banyuwangi, East Java, en-suite motel rooms

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 5: 16th April 2026

#### Baluran National Park

After breakfast we head North to Baluran National Park. This is a savannah plain and is as close to African habitat you will find in Asia. Here roams the endangered Banteng ox, Asian Wild Dog and the endangered Green Peafowl.



Bali Myna, Savannah Nightjar, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Lemon-bellied White-eye, and Javan Pitta. All photos by Peter Waanders.



Baluran is also home to some great raptors such as Crescent Serpent-Eagle and Changeable Hawk-Eagle. Other potentials include Sunda Cuckoo, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Greater Flame-back, Grey-cheeked Tit-babbler, Horsfield's Babbler, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Asian Pied Hornbill and the sensational Rhinoceros Hornbill.

Overnight: Banyuwangi, East Java, en-suite motel rooms  
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 6: 17th April 2026 Mount Ijen

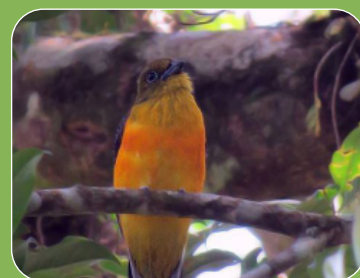
After an early breakfast and departure we take a 4WD vehicle to the slopes of Gunung (Mount) Ijen. Again this will take us to a completely new habitat with totally different birds. Targets will include Grey-breasted Partridge, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Flame-fronted Barbet, Sunda Warbler, Lesser Shortwing, Javan Whistling-Thrush, Dark-backed Imperial-Pigeon, Orange-breasted Trogon, Black-banded Barbet, Pied Shrike-Babbler, Orange-spotted Bulbul, Sunda Bulbul, Sunda Bush-Warbler, White-flanked Sunbird, Pink-headed Fruit-Dove, Trilling Shrike-Babbler, Blue Whistling-Thrush, Little Pied Flycatcher, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, and Scaly Thrush.

Overnight: Banyuwangi, East Java, en-suite motel rooms  
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 7: 18th April 2026 Mangroves and Beaches at Alas Purwo NP

We take a day trip to Alas Purwo NP on the south-eastern tip of Java, made up of mangroves, savanna, lowland monsoon forests, and coral-fringed beaches. Here we may find the endangered Banteng (Ox), Green Peafowl, Red Junglefowl, Beach Thick-knee, Lesser Adjutant, Javan Plover, Javan Hawk-eagle, Orange-breasted Pigeon, Javan Kingfisher, Banded Pitta, Grey-cheeked Tit-babbler, Crescent-chested Babbler, Black-winged Starling and other local specialties.

Overnight: Banyuwangi, East Java, en-suite motel rooms  
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Horsfield's Babbler, Orange-breasted Trogon, Beach Thick-knee, Javan Kingfisher, and Crescent-chested Babbler. All photos by Peter Waanders.

**Day 8: 19th April 2026****Birding on the Way to Kuta**

An early morning will find us birding for anything we may have missed or other potential targets. We then head back for a late breakfast and leisurely drive back to Kuta, Bali along the west coast road. En-route we stop off at various locations picking up any species missed and viewing some of the attractions offered along the way.

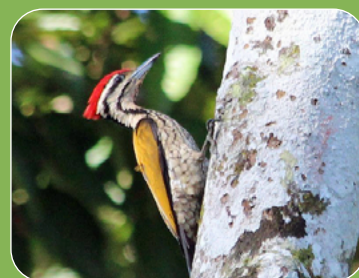
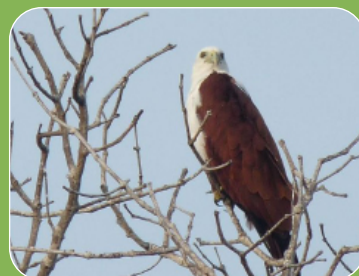
Overnight: Kuta, Bali, en-suite motel rooms

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 9: 20th April 2026****Departure from Bali**

After breakfast (included) we will say our farewells and escort you to your flight or your hotel of choice (if nearby) should you want to stay on for a while.

Meals Included: Breakfast



*Brahminy Kite, Common Flameback, Long-tailed Shrike, Long-tailed Macaque, Orange-bellied Flowerpecker. All photos by Peter Waanders.*

## QUICK OVERVIEW

### SCHEDULED DATES

April 11-20, 2026

### STARTING IN

Denpasar International Airport (DPS), Bali, Indonesia

### FINISHING IN

Denpasar International Airport (DPS), Bali, Indonesia

### GROUP SIZE

Minimum 4, maximum 8 participants.

### BRIEF ITINERARY

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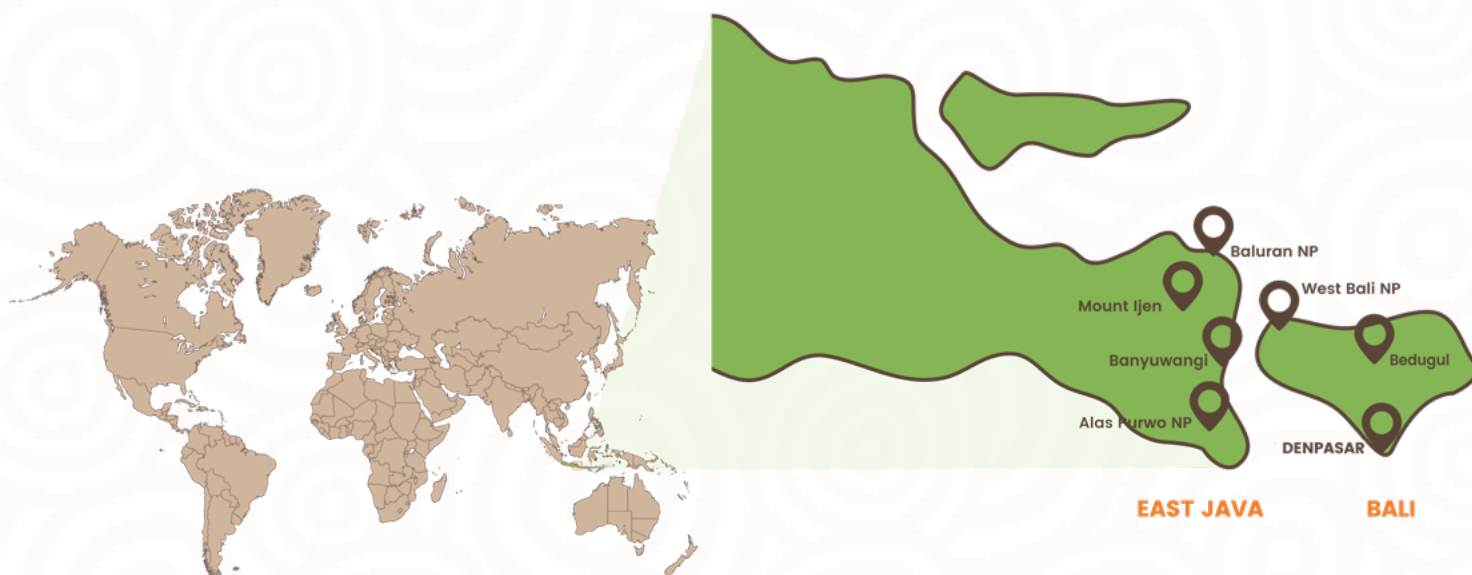
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### BOOKING

Please book at: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings>.



## COST

### **COST (please note this trip is priced in USD)**

US\$2,999 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of US\$390.

Early bird discount of US\$99 for bookings received up to 12 months before departure date. Return client discount may apply.

### **CURRENCY**

Please remember that the tour price is set in US\$.

### **INCLUDED**

All meals commencing with Dinner on Day 0 and finishing with Breakfast on Day 9, morning tea/coffee, some snacks, some fruit, some drinks, unlimited drinking water refills. Accommodation in private en-suite rooms, transport using comfortable and reliable vehicle, expert Australian guiding accompanied by a local guide, airport transfers, any entry fees during the tour, taxes.

### **EXCLUDED**

Travel to the meeting point, transfer to hotel if you're already in Bali; before Day 0, onward travel arrangements, pre- & post trip accommodation, meals before the first dinner and after the last breakfast, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance, visa / passport fees, anything else not specifically included.

### **GETTING THERE & AWAY**

On Day 0 (11 April), you'll need to make your own way (own cost) to Denpasar International Airport where you will be greeted at the airport by our Bellbird tour leader and transferred to your hotel to rest and refresh in time for dinner and introductions that evening. On the last day (Day 9) we will take you back to the airport after breakfast, or to a hotel of your choice in Denpasar if you prefer to stay on.

### **PRE & POST TOUR OPTIONS**

If you wish to arrive earlier in Bali, or depart later, we can assist with making hotel bookings. If you arrive prior to Day 0, please make your own way to your accommodation for Day 0 in time for dinner and introductions.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is compulsory for this tour, and you will be required to provide evidence of such.

### **VISAS & INOCULATIONS**

Please make your own enquiries regarding visas, inoculations and travel health issues. Visas can be obtained online: <https://evisa.imigrasi.go.id> Please allow sufficient time.

### **BOOKING**

Please book at: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings>.

## PRACTICAL DETAILS

### LEADERS

Steve Potter and local guide.

### DIFFICULTY

Medium level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace and walks are on mostly flat, but unpaved, surfaces, and include some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any walks

### ACCOMMODATION

Private en-suite rooms in hotels or lodges. Standards of lodgings are good to very comfortable. Most lodgings offer wi-fi access.

### CLOTHING

In the day it will be warm to hot, evenings will be balmy. Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary. Jacket or jumper for the evenings. Neat casual attire for dinners. Sturdy, comfortable footwear for birding. Shorts and sandals or thongs (flip-flops) are acceptable for non-birding time.

### WHAT TO BRING

Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, international power adaptors, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, sun hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Scopes, tripods, huge tele-photo lenses, and hard-cased heavy suitcases are discouraged.

### RECOMMENDED READING

[\*Birds of the Indonesian Archipelago, Greater Sundas and Wallacea\*](#). James A Eaton, Bas van Balen, Nick W Brickle & Frank E Rheindt. Lynx Ediciones.



## HOW TO BOOK THIS TOUR?

### Step 1: Essential reading

- Download, save and read the itinerary (this document);
- Read our terms and conditions and the release of liability waiver (both can be found on <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>);
- Read our health & safety information page (<https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/>).

### Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings> (should you prefer a paper booking form, this can be downloaded from there).

### Step 3: Pay the deposit (tour prices in US Dollars)

To secure your seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (e.g. due to changing fuel prices).

Payment options:

Visa, Mastercard & Google Pay: through Pin Payments (an easy, secure online payment system). They add a processing fee of ~3.5%. Please contact us to use this option, and we'll email you a secure payment link.

International electronic funds transfer: please send funds in US Dollars (+ bank charges at your end) to the following bank account:

- for payments from outside the USA please use international swift/bic code: CMFGUS33
- for payments from inside the USA please use ACH and Wire routing number 026073150
- checking account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- account no. 8313528314
- bank address: Community Federal Savings bank, 30 W. 26th Street, Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10010, USA
  - If possible, please use your surname as the booking reference.
  - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
  - Please specify US\$ as the recipient's currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at both ends. If no such option exists, please add US\$15 to cover the bank fee at the recipient's end.

Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.

We can only receive USD from these countries outside the US: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, British Virgin Islands, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Isle of Man, Italy, Japan, Jersey, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK, and United Arab Emirates.

### Step 4: You're done!

Sit back and wait for your booking confirmation to arrive (24-48 hrs). Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please contact us via: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/>.

## POSSIBLE SPECIES LIST (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

Wandering Whistling-Duck	Oriental Plover	Asian Koel
Lesser Whistling-Duck	Terek Sandpiper	Chestnut-breasted Malkoha
Sunda Teal	Common Sandpiper	Greater Coucal
Green Junglefowl	Grey-tailed Tattler	Lesser Coucal
Green Peafowl	Common Greenshank	Sunda Scops-Owl
White-tailed Tropicbird	Marsh Sandpiper	Barred Eagle-Owl
Lesser Adjutant	Wood Sandpiper	Javan Owlet
Great Frigatebird	Common Redshank	Large-tailed Nightjar
Lesser Frigatebird	Little Curlew	Savanna Nightjar
Brown Booby	Whimbrel	Brown-backed Needletail
Little Black Cormorant	Eastern Curlew	Linchi Swiftlet
Little Pied Cormorant	Black-tailed Godwit	Black-nest Swiftlet
Little Cormorant	Bar-tailed Godwit	House Swift
Yellow Bittern	Ruddy Turnstone	Asian Palm-Swift
Cinnamon Bittern	Great Knot	Grey-rumped Treeswift
Grey Heron	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	Orange-breasted Trogon
Great-billed Heron	Curlew Sandpiper	Blue-eared Kingfisher
Purple Heron	Red-necked Stint	Small Blue Kingfisher
Great Egret	Sanderling	Rufous-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher
Intermediate Egret	Swinhoe's Snipe	Stork-billed Kingfisher
Little Egret	Barred Buttonquail	Javan Kingfisher
Eastern Reef Egret	Bridled Tern	Collared Kingfisher
Cattle Egret	Whiskered Tern	Sacred Kingfisher
Javan Pond-Heron	Black-naped Tern	Blue-tailed Bee-eater
Striated Heron	Crested Tern	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Rock Dove	Dollarbird
Nankeen Night-Heron	Island Collared-Dove	Oriental Pied-Hornbill
Glossy Ibis	Spotted Dove	Rhinoceros Hornbill
Oriental Honey-buzzard	Barred Cuckoo-Dove	Lineated Barbet
Crested Serpent-Eagle	Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove	Black-banded Barbet
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Little Cuckoo-Dove	Flame-fronted Barbet
Rufous-bellied Eagle	Emerald Dove	Blue-eared Barbet
Black Eagle	Zebra Dove	Coppersmith Barbet
Chinese Sparrowhawk	Pink-necked Pigeon	Freckle-breasted Woodpecker
Japanese Sparrowhawk	Orange-breasted Pigeon	Crimson-winged Woodpecker
Brahminy Kite	Grey-cheeked Pigeon	Laced Woodpecker
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Black-backed Fruit-Dove	Common Flameback
White-breasted Waterhen	Pink-headed Fruit-Dove	Javan Flameback
Beach Stone-curlew	Green Imperial-Pigeon	Grey-and-buff Woodpecker
Grey Plover	Dark-backed Imperial-Pigeon	Black-thighed Falconet
Pacific Golden Plover	Sunda Cuckoo	Spotted Kestrel
Lesser Sand Plover	Plaintive Cuckoo	Red-breasted Parakeet
Greater Sand Plover	Brush Cuckoo	Yellow-throated Hanging-Parrot
Javan Plover	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	Javan Banded-Pitta
Little Ringed Plover	Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	Indonesian Honeyeater

Golden-bellied Gerygone	Ruby-throated Bulbul	Jungle-Flycatcher
Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Sooty-headed Bulbul	Lesser Shortwing
White-breasted Woodswallow	Orange-spotted Bulbul	Javan Whistling-Thrush
Common Iora	Yellow-vented Bulbul	Blue Whistling-Thrush
Small Minivet	Grey-cheeked Bulbul	White-crowned Forktail
Sunda Minivet	Sunda Bulbul	Little Pied Flycatcher
Scarlet Minivet	Mountain Tailorbird	Snowy-browed Flycatcher
Sunda Cuckooshrike	Common Tailorbird	Pied Bushchat
Javan Cuckooshrike	Ashy Tailorbird	Scaly Thrush
White-shouldered Triller	Olive-backed Tailorbird	Sunda Thrush
Rusty-breasted Whistler	Sunda Bush-Warbler	Asian Glossy Starling
Mangrove Whistler	Arctic Warbler	Short-tailed Starling
Long-tailed Shrike	Mountain Warbler	Common Hill Myna
Pied Shrike-Babbler	Sunda Warbler	Javan Myna
Trilling Shrike-Babbler	Oriental Reed-Warbler	Black-winged Starling
Black-naped Oriole	Striated Grassbird	Bali Myna
Black Drongo	Javan Bush-Warbler	Blue-winged Leafbird
Ashy Drongo	Zitting Cisticola	Blood-breasted Flowerpecker
Hair-crested Drongo	Bar-winged Prinia	Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Javan Grey-throated White-eye	Plain-throated Sunbird
Malaysian Pied-Fantail	Oriental White-eye	Olive-backed Sunbird
White-bellied Fantail	Mountain White-eye	White-flanked Sunbird
Black-naped Monarch	Lemon-bellied White-eye	Little Spiderhunter
Racket-tailed Treepie	Grey-cheeked Tit-Babbler	Oriental Pipit
Slender-billed Crow	Crescent-chested Babbler	Eurasian Tree Sparrow
Horsfield's Bushlark	Chestnut-backed	Streaked Weaver
Barn Swallow	Scimitar-Babbler	Baya Weaver
Pacific Swallow	White-bibbed Babbler	Javan Munia
Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Black-capped Babbler	Black-faced Munia
Cinereous Tit	Horsfield's Babbler	Nutmeg Mannikin
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Asian Brown Flycatcher	White-capped Munia
Blue Nuthatch	Oriental Magpie-Robin	White-headed Munia
Black-headed Bulbul	Mangrove Blue-Flycatcher	Java Sparrow
Black-crested Bulbul	Fulvous-chested	