

Mt Kitanglad, PICOP, Subic Bay. 22 March - 01 April 2011

First of all, take a look at the number of birding days and the number of travelling days. I spent 1 day travelling for each day birding, as 4 flights and two long days on a bus are involved. Especially the bus between Cagayan and Butuan took some hours longer than expected, which resulted in the loss of a full birding morning at PICOP.

Besides the obvious time lost on logistics, the Philippines surpassed my expectations: the birding was fantastic, the people very friendly and the food not as bad as other people said.

Above all, Philippine mangos are the best in the world. Period.

In this report, I will try to explain how to visit Mt. Kitanglad and PICOP independently. Organising proved to be, in my experience, very straightforward. The trip list obviously does not contain all the target birds because time was too short.

Itinerary

Wednesday 23: FLIGHT MANILA -> CAGAYAN 9.35 -> Mount Kitanglad. Birding from 4PM-7PM

Thursday 24: Birding Mt Kitanglad 1 (night at Delmonte lodge)

Friday 25: Birding Mt Kitanglad 2 (night at Delmonte lodge)

Saturday 26: Mt Kitanglad -> Dalmitan -> Cagayan -> Butuan (night in Embassy hotel, Butuan)

Sunday 27: Butuan -> Bislig. Birding Bislig airstrip (night in Paper Inn)

Monday 28: Birding PICOP road 4-2 (night in Paper Inn)

Tuesday 29: Birding PICOP road 1-4 (night in Paper Inn)

Wednesday 30: -> Butuan CEBU -Clark 14u -17u30 -> Olongapo (night in Blue Rock resort)

Thursday 31: Birding Subic bay (night in Blue Rock resort)

Friday 1: Olongapo -> CLARK 11u45 -> KL -> A'DAM 23:15

map

<http://g.co/maps/vrzhx>

Practicalities

Mount Kitanglad

How to get there

Mount Kitanglad (or at least the Del Monte lodge building, were you want to end up) is situated about 8–9 kms west from the village of Dalwangan. This village is next to the main Cagayan de Oro – Malaybalay – Davao road. Buses between Cagayan and Davao are plentiful and most have airco. The ride from Cagayan to Dalwangan takes about 2.5–3 hrs (depending on slow lorries). Alternatively, you could take a taxi for around 2000 pesos from Cagayan, which takes about 2 hrs.

In the village of Dalwangan, the best option is to rent a guy with motorbike to take you as close as half an hour walking from the lodge. This way, you end up further than with some 4-wheel vehicle, which will only take you to the village of Dalmitan (still 1–1.5 hrs walking). A motorbike costs 200 pesos (one way). From that point, it takes 20–30 minutes walking uphill (but not very steep) to the lodge.

How to reach DENR, Carlito

Before you get even started taking a vehicle to Dalwangan, consider calling DENR. They speak English, and they will give you the green light for a permit accessing the mountain. The nice thing is that you don't have to go to the office in Malaybalay to arrange the permit (which will cost some hours birding time). Just call, SMS your name + nationality and pay the permit to Carlito (about 300 pesos if I am not mistaken).

At the same time, call Carlito to arrange the motorbikes down in Dalwangan. So the moment you step out of the car/bus, you can go up the mountain.

One more important thing is arranging food. We bought food in a supermarket in Cagayan, to be prepared at the lodge. It is better and more convenient to wire money to DENR so that they can buy food for you and prepare it. Otherwise you end up (like we did) with an enormous amount of food that they are not used to prepare.

The birding and current state of the forest

The birding was excellent and Carlito is a one-of-a-kind birdfinder. He knows all calls and were to search for some more difficult target birds. So we saw Philippine Eagle, Red-eared Parrotfinch, Apo Sunbird, Apo Myna, Bukidnon Woodcock, Blue-capped Kingfisher, Mc Gregors' Cuckoo-shrike, Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis, White-cheeked Bullfinch,...

But I will especially remember the nightbirding with Philippine Frogmouth, Philippine Nightjar (also day roost), Great-eared Nightjar and Giant Scops-owl seen. Mindanao Scops was very silent and only calling sometimes from far away. I also missed some other specialties such as Bagobo Babbler, Goodfellow's Jungle-flycatcher, Mountain Shrike, ...

There is said to be a moment in time when the forest was still all around the lodge, but now one has to walk 1-1.5 hrs to reach the first tracts of good forest. However, most target birds were found before the first eagle viewpoint (and some very good birds are just still in the lodge grounds), were only small patches of forest remain at the right, but at the left the steep slope towards the valley is still forested.

PICOP

How to get there

Bislig is regularly served with busses departing from either Butuan in the north, or Davao in the south. The ride Butuan-Bislig takes about 4.5 hrs on a non-airconditioned bus. From the bus stop, it takes a 8 pesos/person tricycle ride to the Paper Country Inn hotel, where we stayed for 900 pesos/double with airco.

How to reach Zardo

Zardo has Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001328305161>

He will reply swiftly on enquiries. He can organise the birding logistics for 3000 pesos (jeepney) + 1500 pesos (guiding). Best is to buy food and drinks the day beforehand to put in a cooled box which is taken to the birding sites.

The birding and current state of the forest

I let Zardo do the strategic planning, so day 1 was spent in the best forest that you can reach within 2 hrs of driving from Bislig: Road 4-2. The second day was to be spent around the quarry, and on road 1-4 to catch up with some missing birds.

Unfortunately, the way to the quarry was blocked by the Philippine army, who said that the New People's Army (NPA) were planning an ambush and had possibly put landmines on the road. So we did not visit the quarry but only road 1-4. This road does not really have any forest left (only some lone tall trees and very small remnants, so birding was a little disappointing. The Silvery Kingfisher that was very faithful to his pool was some consolation for that depressing road.

So in my opinion, spend as much time as you can on road 4-2. There we saw 3 monarchs, Striated Wren-babbler, Rufous-lored Kingfisher, Rufous Hornbills and Azure-breasted Pitta amongst others.

On one good evening, we saw some nice birds at the Bislig airstrip: Eastern Grass Owl, a lot of Philippine Ducks, Philippine Nightjar hunting and some Blue-breasted Quails in the grass next to the strip.

Subic Bay

please see: <http://www.birding2asia.com/W2W/Philippines/Subic.html>

some additional info/remarks: The one day at Subic bay was very hot but rewarding. The best place was a trail not far from the top, see map and the directions in the report of Stijn.

trip list

From 22/03/2011 till 31/03/2011

Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 50+

Philippine Duck *Anas luzonica* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - at least 20.

Blue-breasted Quail *Coturnix chinensis*

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp lineata* - some flushed from the grass next to the airstrip.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - one pair.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 1

Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 1

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 1

Barred Honey-buzzard *Pernis celebensis*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp steerei - One bird displaying.

Oriental Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp philippensis - 1 soaring.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp philippensis - 1 soaring.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp hypoleucus - 2 mobbing the Hawk-eagle

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

26/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp intermedius - 1 down the lodge.

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 1

Philippine Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis holospilus* Country endemic

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - 2 soaring.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp extimus

Chinese Goshawk *Accipiter soloensis*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 3 birds.

Great Philippine Eagle *Pithecophaga jefferyi* Critically endangered (CR) Country endemic

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 adult perched for 2+ hours at the lower eagle viewpoint.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 seen briefly flying in the valley at the first eagle viewpoint before it descended out of sight.

Philippine Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus philippensis* Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - 1 soaring

Philippine Falconet *Microhierax erythrogenys* Country endemic

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - fairly common.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp phoenicurus - 1

White-browed Crane *Porzana cinerea*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some became active at dusk in the fields at the far end of the airstrip

Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp *pulverulentus* - at least 5 at the north side of the airstrip.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - some

Snowy Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *dealbatus* - 1 at the beach near Bislig.

Swinhoe's Snipe *Gallinago megala*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 2 were flushed. Pintail shouldn't occur this late in March, but ID is nearly impossible in the field.

Bukidnon Woodcock *Scolopax bukidnonensis* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - At the lodge grounds. 1 kamikaze bird almost hit us while flying overhead at dusk. More heard.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - Silhouette of 1 bird seen around the lodge at dawn, more heard.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *tigrina* - some.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *tigrina* - Some.

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp *tigrina* - some

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *tigrina* - Some.

Philippine Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia tenuirostris*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - some flying.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

22/03/2011 - Clark airport - 1

White-eared Dove *Phapitreron leucotis* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *brevirostris* - some.

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *brevirostris* - some

Amethyst Dove *Phapitreron amethystinus* [Country endemic](#)

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - alas no movement/reaction from the bird...

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO

Pink-necked Pigeon *Treron vernans*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 1

Pompadour Green-Pigeon *Treron pompadora*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *canescens* - 4 in the treetops.

Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus occipitalis* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *incognitus* - 1

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *incognitus* - some.

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *incognitus* - Some.

Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - *ssp aenea* - Some.
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp aenea* - 1

Guaiabero *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus* [Country endemic](#)

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - *ssp mindanensis* - 2 flying
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp lunulatus* - some.

Mindanao Racquet-tail *Prioniturus waterstradti* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 seen very well, more heard nearby.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - Very good views of 4 birds flying.

Green Racquet-tail *Prioniturus luconensis* [Vulnerable \(VU\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 1 bird with only one Racquet was the last lifer bird I saw in the Philippines.

Blue-crowned Racquet-tail *Prioniturus discurus* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - NC - Not seen by myself - 1 in a mixed flock.

Blue-naped Parrot *Tanygnathus lucionensis* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#)

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp lucionensis* - some.

Philippine Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus philippensis* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp apicalis* - 1 at the first eagle viewpoint seen flying.

Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx pectoralis* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - Heard only near the lodge at dusk.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO - *ssp micropterus*

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO - *ssp merulinus*
29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - *ssp merulinus* - 1 singing.

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus*

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - *ssp sepulcralis*

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO - *ssp amethystinus*

Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus velutinus* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO
29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - 1

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopaceus*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp mindanensis*

Red-crested Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus superciliosus* [Country endemic](#)

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp superciliosus* - fairly common.

Scale-feathered Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus cumingi* [Country endemic](#)

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 1 bird in the same flock as Rufous Coucal and Red-crested Malkoha.

Rufous Coucal *Centropus unirufus* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Country endemic**

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 1 or 2 at the Apalin trail, in bamboo foraging with Malkohas.

Black-faced Coucal *Centropus melanops* **Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO - ssp melanops

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - HO

Philippine Coucal *Centropus viridis* **Country endemic**

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp viridis - 1 bird at the first open spot with ferns above the lodge.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp viridis - some.

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp viridis - 2

Australasian Grass-Owl *Tyto longimembris*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp longimembris - 3 different birds at dusk, hunting and flying very low overhead.

Mindanao Scops-Owl *Otus mirus* **Near-threatened (NT)** **Country endemic**

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - 1 heard at dusk deep in the valley (or from the opposite site of it) near the lodge.

Mindanao Eagle-Owl *Mimizuku gurneyi* **Vulnerable (VU)** **Country endemic**

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - From the lodge, but far away.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 bird seen very well near the lodge in the spotlight.

Philippine Frogmouth *Batrachostomus septimus* **Country endemic**

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp septimus - Splendid views and full-frame pictures of this stunning bird near the lodge.

Great Eared-Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp macrotis - 1 heard and seen at dawn at the lodge.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - At dawn near the lodge.

Philippine Nightjar *Caprimulgus manillensis* **Country endemic**

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 flushed from its nest above the first eagle viewpoint.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 high up roosting 1 meter from the trail... crippling views!

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - 1 hunting at dusk.

Purple Needletail *Hirundapus celebensis*

26/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 flew past us like a rocket, while descending the mountain on a motorbike.

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 1 on the top of the hill. Impressive.

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp bagobo - Very common.

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp marginata - common and nesting in the bunkers on the top of the hill.

Pygmy Swiftlet *Collocalia troglodytes* **Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - fairly common.

Philippine Swiftlet *Aerodramus mearnsi* **Country endemic**

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - A big gathering in the main valley at dusk.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - Very common.

Uniform Swiftlet *Aerodramus vanikorensis*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *amelis* - fairly common.

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *amelis* - Some.

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata*

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *major* - 1

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *major* - 1

Philippine Trogon *Harpactes ardens* **Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO

Silvery Kingfisher *Ceyx argentatus* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *argentatus* - 1 was seen very well at a roadside pool.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *gularis* - some.

Rufous-lored Kingfisher *Todiramphus winchelli* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *mindanensis* - 1 gave very good views after play-back, at the beginning of road 4-2 after the steep slope.

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*

26/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *collaris* - Common along the road.

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp *collaris* - 1

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *collaris* - Some.

Blue-capped Kingfisher *Actenoides hombroni* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - A couple near the lodge was very responsive.

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *americanus* - common

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

22/03/2011 - Clark airport - 1

Rufous Hornbill *Buceros hydrocorax* **Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *mindanensis* - Splendid views, but for how long, if the birds are being chased even on road 4-2?

Luzon Hornbill *Penelopides manillae* **Country endemic**

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 2 were perched and seen very well.

Mindanao Hornbill *Penelopides affinis* **Country endemic**

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *affinis* - 5 seen just above the first eagle viewpoint.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *affinis* - Very good views of 1 bird perched from the lodge grounds.

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *affinis* - some.

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *affinis* - Some

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - ssp *mindanensis*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO - ssp *mindanensis*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - 1

Philippine Woodpecker *Dendrocopos maculatus* **Country endemic**

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *fulvifasciatus* - A couple.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *confusus* - 2 in the same tree as Sooty WP.

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *montanus* - 1 seen, more heard.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *montanus* - 1.

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *montanus* - a couple.

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *haematribon* - A couple. Strikingly different subspecies from e.g. *montanus* in Mindanao!

Sooty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus funebris* **Country endemic**

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *funebris* - 2 seen very well.

Azure-breasted Pitta *Pitta steerii* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *steerii* - First bird of the day, hopping on the road in front of the jeepney!

Red-bellied Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - HO - Too far from the road.

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

22/03/2011 - Clark airport - ssp *leucorhynchus* - common

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp *leucorhynchus* - some

Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina striata*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *kochii* - Fairly common and conspicuous.

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp *striata* - 1

Black-bibbed Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina mindanensis* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO - ssp *mindanensis*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - 1 seen well.

McGregor's Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina mcgregori* **Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic**

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 male seen very well.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - Very good views of 1 male in a flock.

Black-and-white Triller *Lalage melanoleuca* **Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *minor* - 2 different birds in different flocks.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *nigra* - 1

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *nigra* - 1

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *johnstoniae* - Some.

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *johnstoniae* - a couple.

Yellow-bellied Whistler *Pachycephala philippinensis* **Country endemic**

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp apoensis - In a flock.
24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp apoensis - 2 in flocks.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp apoensis - 1
28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp apoensis - 1

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp lucionensis - some
27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp lucionensis - some
29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp lucionensis - Some.
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp lucionensis - some

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp longicaudatus - 1
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp longicaudatus - Some.

Philippine Oriole *Oriolus steerii* **Country endemic**

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO
28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp steerii - One in a treetop.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp chinensis - fairly common
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp chinensis - 1.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp striatus - some.
29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp striatus - Some.

Balicassiao *Dicrurus balicassius* **Country endemic**

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp balicassius - fairly common

Blue Fantail *Rhipidura superciliaris* **Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp apo - 1 allowed good views.

Black-and-cinnamon Fantail *Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea* **Country endemic**

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp hutchinsoni - In a flock.
24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp hutchinsoni - An inevitable member of all flocks.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp hutchinsoni - some.

Short-crested Monarch *Hypothymis helenae* **Near-threatened (NT) Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp agusanae - One showed very well in a mixed species flock with Celestial Monarch.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp azurea - Fairly common. Seems to tolerate more degraded habitats.
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp azurea - some.

Celestial Monarch *Hypothymis coelestis* **Vulnerable (VU) Country endemic**

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - One showed very well in a mixed species flock.

Rufous Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone cinnamomea*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp cinnamomea - One immature male showed very well after some play-back at the start of road 4-2.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp gutturalis - some
28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp gutturalis - Some.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

26/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp javanica - fairly common.
27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp javanica - common
28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp javanica - Some.

Elegant Tit *Pardaliparus elegans* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp mindanensis - In a flock.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp mindanensis - 1 in a flock

Rufous-headed Tailorbird *Phyllergates heterolaemus* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 seen very well, more heard.

Sulphur-billed Nuthatch *Sitta oenochlamys* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp apo - In a flock.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp apo - 1 in a flock.

Yellow-wattled Bulbul *Pycnonotus urostictus* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp philippensis - 1

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp suluensis - common.
24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp suluensis - some.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp suluensis - Common.
27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp suluensis - common
28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp suluensis - Some.
29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp suluensis - Common.

Philippine Bulbul *Ixos philippinus* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp saturator - Common.
24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp saturator - common.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp saturator - Common.
27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp saturator - common
29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp saturator - Common.
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - ssp philippinus - common.

Yellowish Bulbul *Ixos everetti* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp everetti - Common and conspicuous

Mountain Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp flavostriatus - some

Philippine Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus olivaceus* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - Some in flocks.

Oriental Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - common.

Long-tailed Bush-Warbler *Bradypterus caudatus* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp unicolor* - 1 flushed and seen flying, more heard.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - *ssp unicolor*

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp crex* - 1
27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp crex* - 1

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp forbesi* - common
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp forbesi* - Some.
27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp forbesi* - common

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp semirufus* - some

Rufous-fronted Tailorbird *Orthotomus frontalis* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - *ssp frontalis* - Good views of one in a flock.

White-browed Tailorbird *Orthotomus nigriceps* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - HO

Philippine Fairy-bluebird *Irena cyanogastra* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - *ssp hoogstraali* - 1 in a mixed species flock.

Gray-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 1 female

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp montigena* - 1

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp westermanni* - 1

Island Flycatcher *Eumyias panayensis*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp nigriloris* - a couple.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp nigriloris* - 1

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - *ssp mindanensis* - Some on the road.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp anderseni* - 1 couple

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - some
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - some.

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - *ssp mindanensis*
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - HO - *ssp mindanensis*

Striated Wren-Babbler *Ptilocichla mindanensis* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - *ssp mindanensis* - 2 taped out quite easily.

Mindanao Pygmy-Babbler *Stachyris plateni* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - Some in flocks.

Brown Tit-Babbler *Macronous striaticeps* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp mindanensis* - some.
28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - *ssp mindanensis* - Fairly common.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - *ssp basilanicus* - Fairly common.

Mountain White-eye *Zosterops montanus*

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp vulcani* - common in flocks.
24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp vulcani* - common in flocks.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp vulcani* - common in flocks.

Mindanao White-eye *Lophozosterops goodfellowi* [Country endemic](#)

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp goodfellowi* - Some in flocks higher up the mountain.

Cinnamon White-eye *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - some
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - some in flocks.

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp panayensis* - some.

Short-tailed Starling *Aplonis minor*

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - Only 2.

Apo Myna *Basilornis mirandus* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 2 were flying around at the first eagle viewpoint. Seen perched and flying.
25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - 20+ seen higher up the mountain.

Coledo *Sarcops calvus* [Country endemic](#)

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - *ssp melanonotus* - 2
31/03/2011 - Subic bay - *ssp calvus* - very common.

Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus*

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - NC - Feral - some.

Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis *Rhabdornis inornatus* [Country endemic](#)

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp alaris* - 1 in a flock gave good views.

Philippine Leafbird *Chloropsis flavipennis* [Vulnerable \(VU\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - HO

Olive-backed Flowerpecker *Prionochilus olivaceus* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - NC - Not seen by myself - 1.

Olive-capped Flowerpecker *Dicaeum nigrilore* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *nigrilore* - some.

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *nigrilore* - common

Flame-crowned Flowerpecker *Dicaeum anthonyi* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - NC - Not seen by myself - 1 seen lower down near the first eagle viewpoint.

Bicolored Flowerpecker *Dicaeum bicolor* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *bicolor* - 1 gave good views

Red-keeled Flowerpecker *Dicaeum haematostictum* [Vulnerable \(VU\)](#) [Country endemic](#)
[Restricted range](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - Fairly common.

31/03/2011 - Subic bay - 2

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *cinereigulare* - Fairly common.

White-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum hypoleucum* [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *pontifex* - 1

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectum*

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *apo* - 2

Purple-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma sperata*

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *juliae* - Fairly common.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - ssp *jugularis* - a couple.

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - ssp *jugularis* - Some.

Gray-hooded Sunbird *Aethopyga primigenia* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *primigenia* - 1

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *primigenia* - some

Mount Apo Sunbird *Aethopyga boltoni* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - ssp *malindangensis* - 1 male seen very well after some hours searching in potentially good flocks.

Metallic-winged Sunbird *Aethopyga pulcherrima* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *pulcherrima* - One seen very well.

Handsome Sunbird *Aethopyga bella* [Country endemic](#)

28/03/2011 - PICOP road 4-2 - ssp *bella* - One at the start of road 4-2

Naked-faced Spiderhunter *Arachnothera clarae* [Country endemic](#)

29/03/2011 - PICOP road 1-4 - *ssp clarae* - 1 fly-by making the rasping call.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp tschutschensis* - common on the fields

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp tschutschensis* - Common on the fields.

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp simillima* - common

Australasian Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - puzzled with the nomenclature... Richard's following the book.

Oriental Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

22/03/2011 - Clark airport - *ssp lugubris* - 1

White-cheeked Bullfinch *Pyrrhula leucogenis* [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp steerei* - At least 3 just above the first eagle viewpoint foraging in a tree.

25/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp steerei* - Some at the same spot as the previous day.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - common

Red-eared Parrotfinch *Erythrura coloria* [Near-threatened \(NT\)](#) [Country endemic](#)

24/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - At least 5 foraging halfway between the lodge and the first eagle viewpoint. Very confiding and thus excellent views.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*

23/03/2011 - Mount Kitanglad - *ssp jagori* - common in clearings.

27/03/2011 - Bislig airstrip - *ssp jagori* - abundant.

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