These photos show some of the the birds that can be seen regularly in everyday locations in Malaysia and Thailand, photographed by myself when I happened to see them. This listing was started in December 2022.

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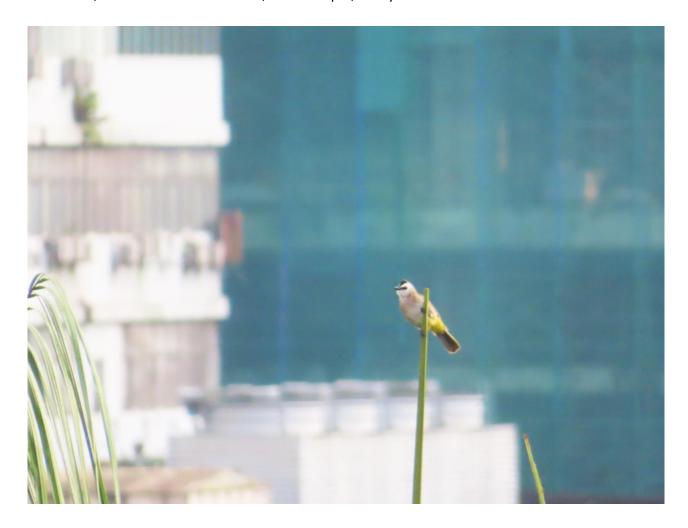
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ORIENTAL MAGPIE-ROBIN (Copsychus Saularis)



YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)



YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)



SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)

Looking for crumbs of food around the swimming pool.

7 De 2022, at Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



ZEBRA DOVE (Geopelia Striata)

Looking for crumbs of food around the swimming pool.



BRAHMINY KITE (Haliastur Indus)

Cruising several hundred feet up and looking for signs of fish in the sea below.

11 December 2022, at Penang Club, Penang, Malaysia



PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis) & BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

Seen together

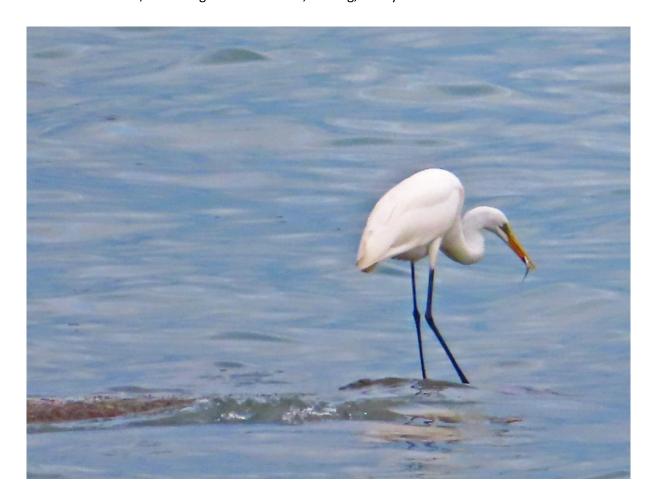
13 December 2022, at Penang Club, Penang, Malaysia



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

Catching a fish

14 December 2022, at Penang Club shorefront, Penang, Malaysia



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba) & PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta Sacra)

Seen together

14 December 2022, at Penang Club shorefront, Penang, Malaysia



STREAK-EARED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Blanfordi)

28 December 2022, at Athenee Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



ORIENTAL MAGPIE-ROBIN (Copsychus Saularis)

29 December 2022, at Athenee Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



WHITE-VENTED MYNA (JAVAN MYNA) (Acridotheres Javanicus)

29 December 2022, at Athenee Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

Looking for fish

30 December 2022, at Taksin Bridge, Chao Phrya River, Bangkok, Thailand



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

Looking for fish

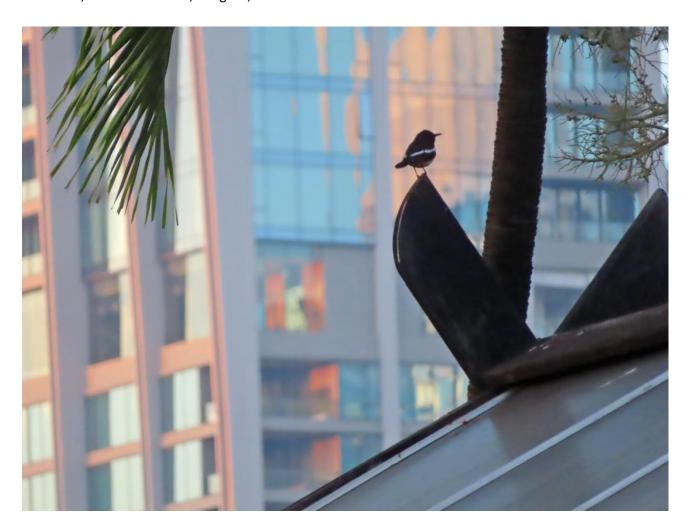
30 December 2022, at Taksin Bridge, Chao Phrya River, Bangkok, Thailand



ORIENTAL MAGPIE-ROBIN (Copsychus Saularis)

Preparing to sing in pre-dawn twilight

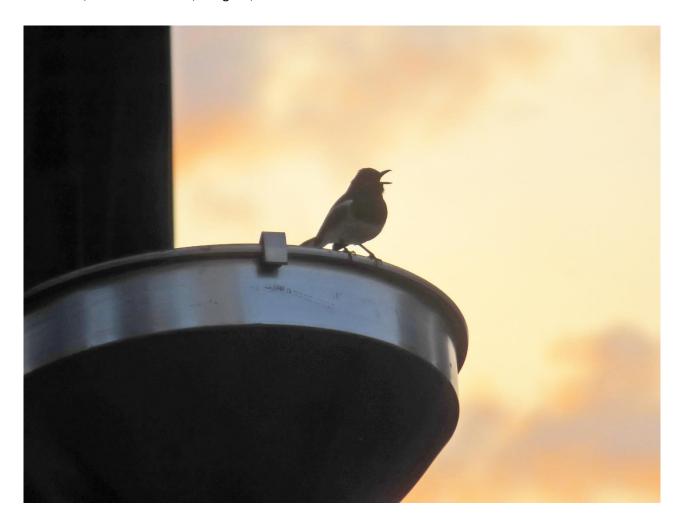
1 Jan 2023, at Athenee Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



ORIENTAL MAGPIE-ROBIN (Copsychus Saularis)

Singing in pre-dawn twilight

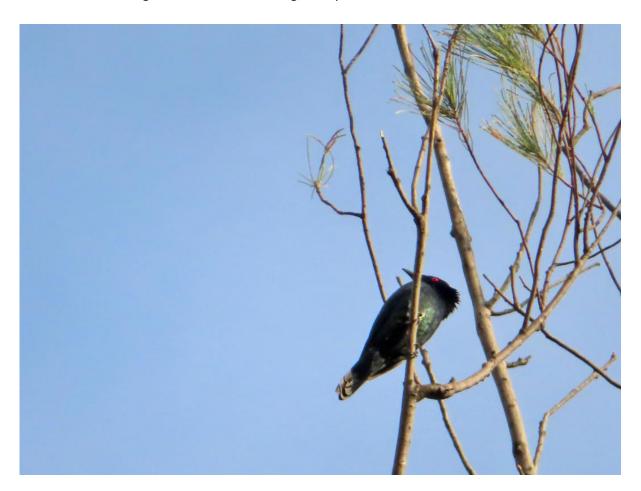
2 Jan 2023, at Athenee Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)



PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis)



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

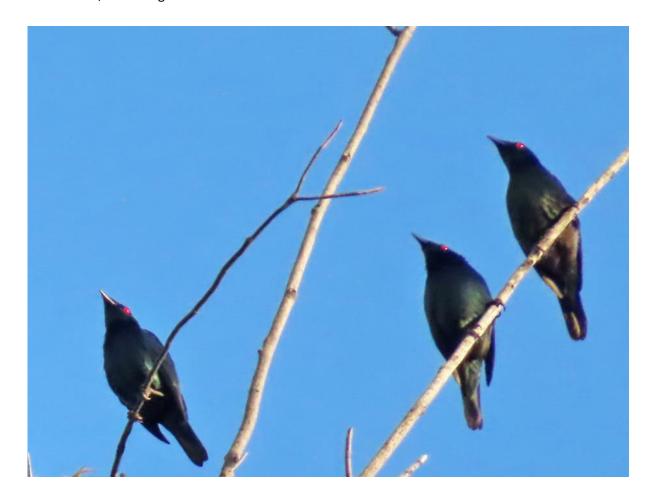


BROWN SHRIKE (Lanius Cristatus)



PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis)

12 Jan 2023, at Penang Club



COPPERSMITH BARBET (Megalaima haemacephala)

12 Jan 2023, at Penang Club, Penang, Malaysia

(with a Philippine Glossy Starling between the 2 Barbets)



PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta sacra)



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

in traditional "at rest" pose



JUVENILE PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis)

Note different colouring from the glossy black-green of adults of this species



BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)



YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)



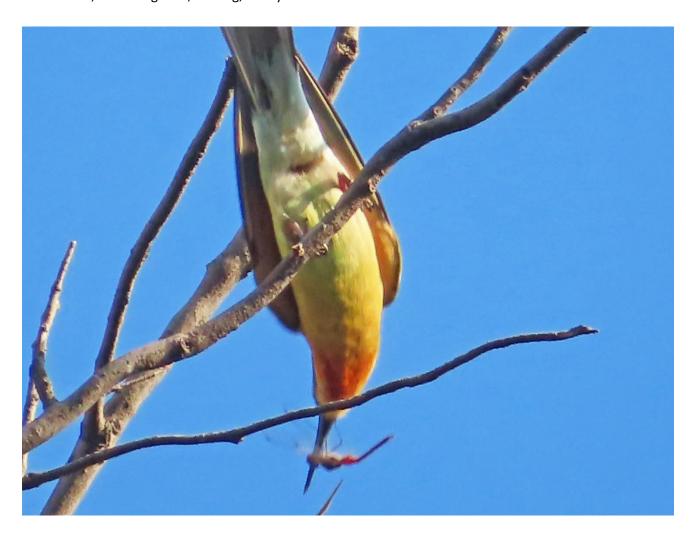
BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

Perched at the very top of our 100 foot Casuarina tree, waiting to pounce on flying insects



BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

Got the insect!



BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

Waiting again for insects at the top of the tree



BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

Got the insect again!



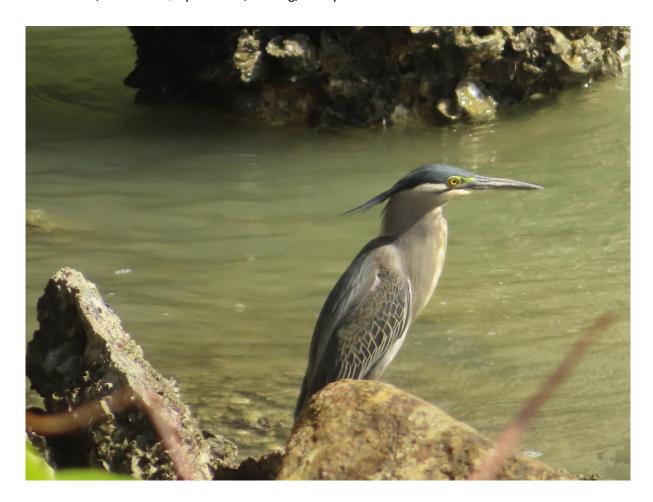
CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Fuscus)

Note ivory bill with rosy base + absence of white vent and tail-tip, which distinguish it from slightly smaller White-vented Myna (Acridotheres Javanicus)



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

17 Jan 2023, at Straits Quay Harbour, Penang, Malaysia



PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

18 Jan 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

18 Jan 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Fuscus)

Note ivory bill with rosy base + absence of white vent and tail-tip, which distinguish it from slightly smaller White-vented Myna (Acridotheres Javanicus)



PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis)

The bright red eye always contrasts strikingly with the green-black glossy adult plumage

19 Jan 2023, at Penang Club



CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Fuscus)

Note ivory bill with rosy base + absence of white vent and tail-tip, which distinguish it from slightly smaller White-vented Myna (Acridotheres Javanicus)



CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Fuscus) **ON PARADE**



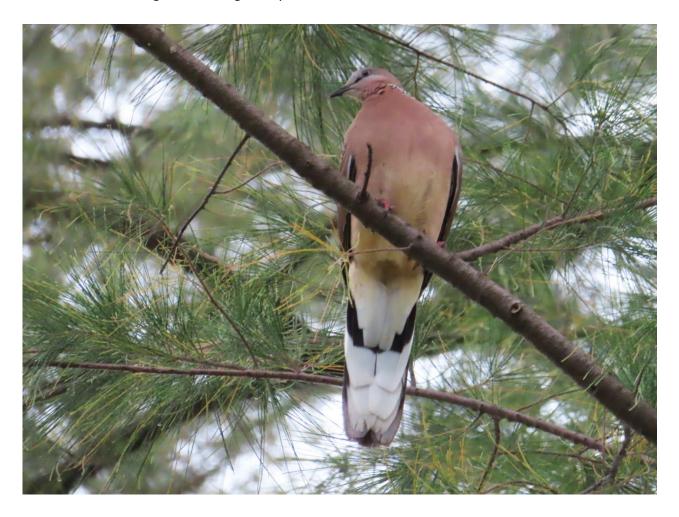
PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

With fan-tail extended, but not fully visible due to angle of photo

20 Jan 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)



CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Cristatellus)



EURASIAN TREE-SPARROW (Passer Montanus)



COMMON MYNA (Acridotheres Tristis)



BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)



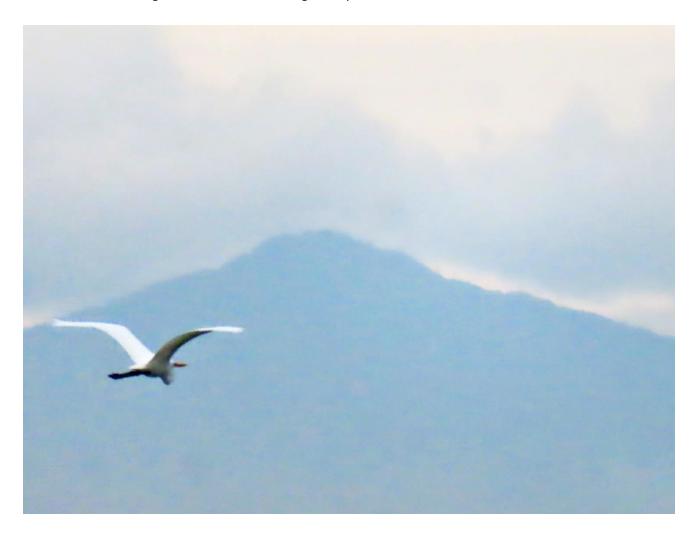
BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

Penang Club, Penang, Malaysia, 23 January 2023



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

Flying in usual pose with neck retracted, against backdrop of Gunung Bintang Utara (1,823m) across the North Channel, 60 km away on the mainland.



PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta sacra)

Waiting for fish in the shallows at the waterfront.



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Waiting for fish in the shallows at the waterfront.



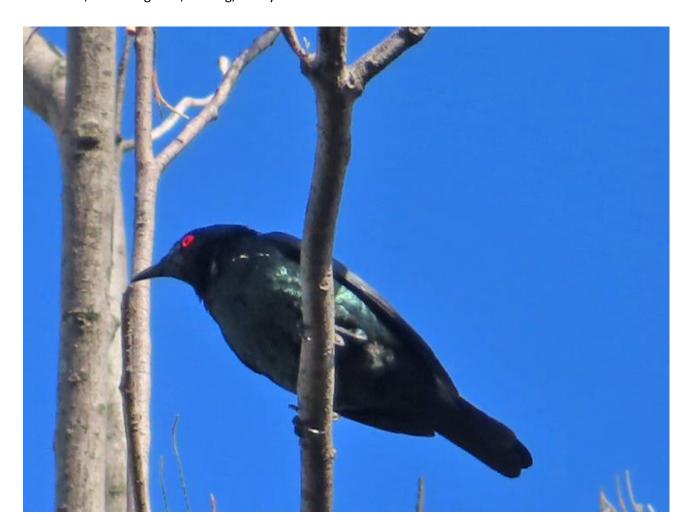
OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD (Nectarinia Jugularis)

A very small and shy bird, foraging among the leaves of our giant casuarina tree.



PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis)

Striking for its glossy black plumage when mature and for the contrasting bright red eyes.



BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

On its typical perch right at the top of a tree, looking for nearby flying insects to pounce on.



YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)

This common bird likes sometime to perch at the very top of a tree as a vantage point.

5 Feb 2023, at Quayside promenade beside the sea (a long-distance shot from our balcony), Penang, Malaysia.

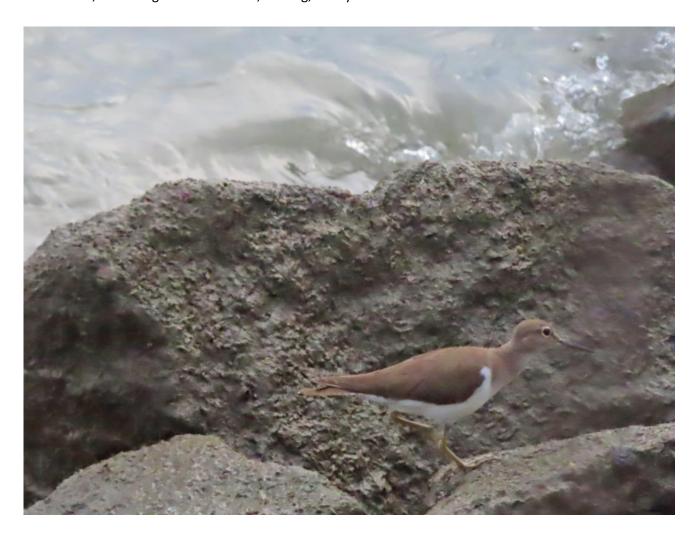


SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)



COMMON SANDPIPER (Tringa Hypoleucos)

A winter migrant from northern Eurasia.



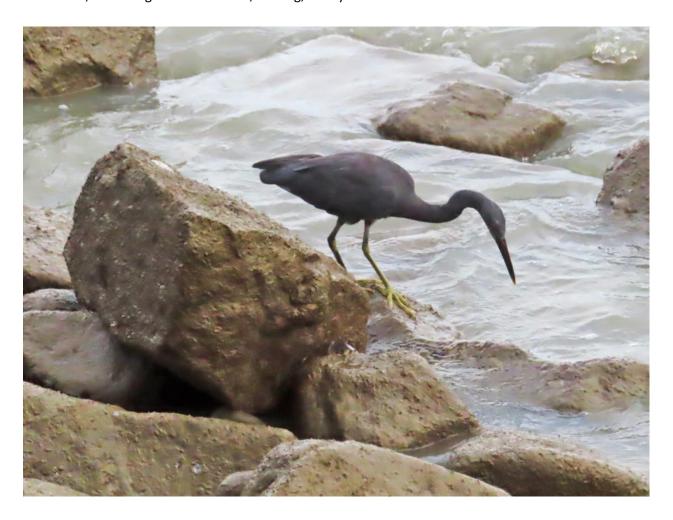
PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta sacra)

Waiting for fish in the shallows at the waterfront.



PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta sacra)

Waiting for fish in the shallows at the waterfront.



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

Waiting for fish, from a vantage point just offshore.



BRAHMINY KITE (Haliastur Indus) – juvenile

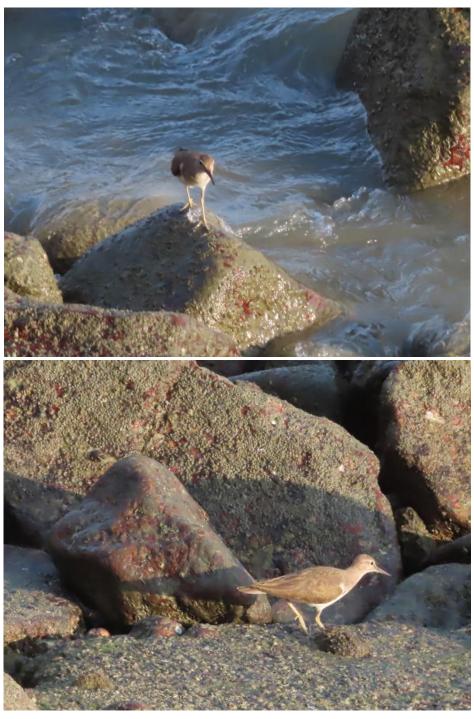
With the adult plumage of contrasting red-brown and white not yet fully developed.

8 Feb 2023, in a tree at the Catholic church in Pulau Tikus (long shot from 80m away).



COMMON SANDPIPER (Tringa Hypoleucos)

A winter migrant from northern Eurasia.



Birds of the year 2022-2023

PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

Just starting his fan-tail dance

11 Feb 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

11 Feb 2023, seen from our apartment's balcony, Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

With a tasty berry.



JUVENILE PHILIPPINE GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis Panayensis)

Note different colouring from the glossy black-green of adults of this species



PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

Preparing to dance and show off his fan tail.

14 Feb 2023, at Quiatside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

Finally extends and shows off his fan tail.

14 Feb 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia



BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

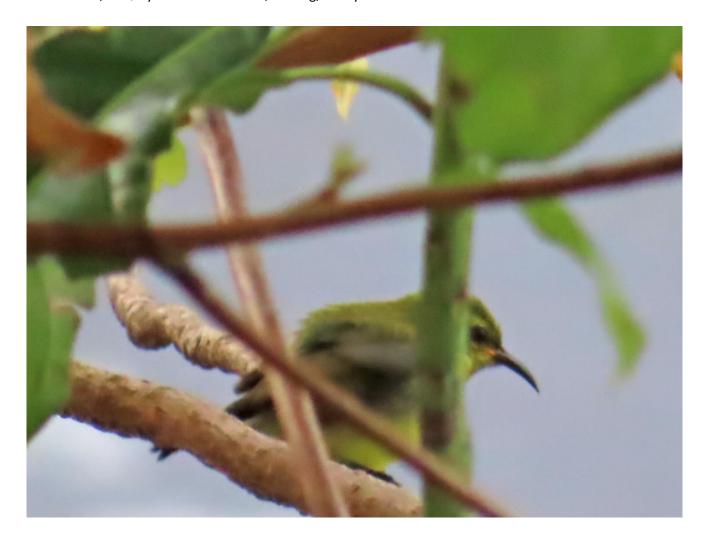




OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD (Nectarinia Jugularis)

A very small and shy bird, seen from our balcony at home. The long, thin bill is used for capturing nectar from flowers and very small insects around flowers.

15 Feb 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia.

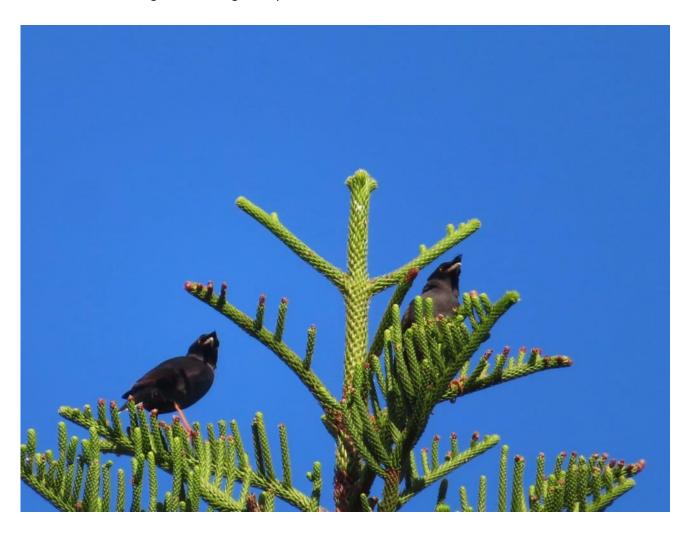


BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)



CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Fuscus)

Enjoying their hide-out at the top of a 20m Norfolk Pine tree (image 1 of 2)



CRESTED MYNA (Acridotheres Fuscus)

Enjoying their hide-out at the top of a 20m Norfolk Island Pine tree (image 2 of 2)



ZEBRA DOVE (Geopelia Striata)



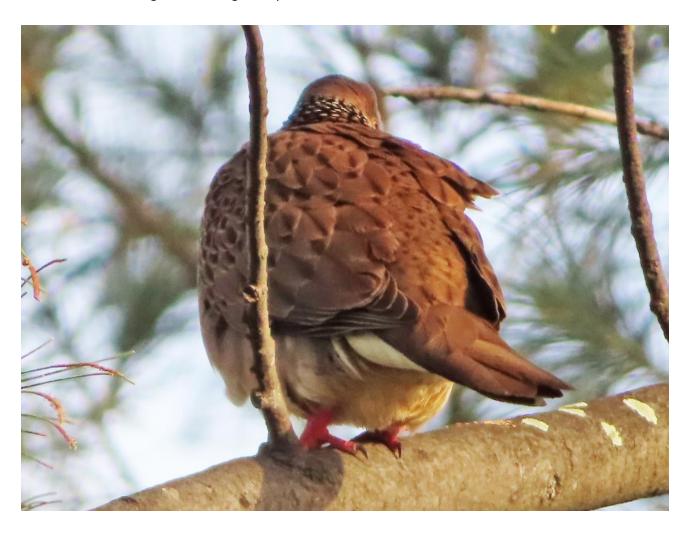
BRAHMINY KITE (Haliastur Indus)

Cruising high above the ground, on the look-out for prey.



SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)

An unusual view of its plumage from behind. Its black-and-white spotted collar and its bright pink legs are clearly visible.



BLUE-TAILED BEE-EATER (Merops Philippinus)

Another one on look-out, at the very top of our 30m high casuarina tree, for near-by flying insects



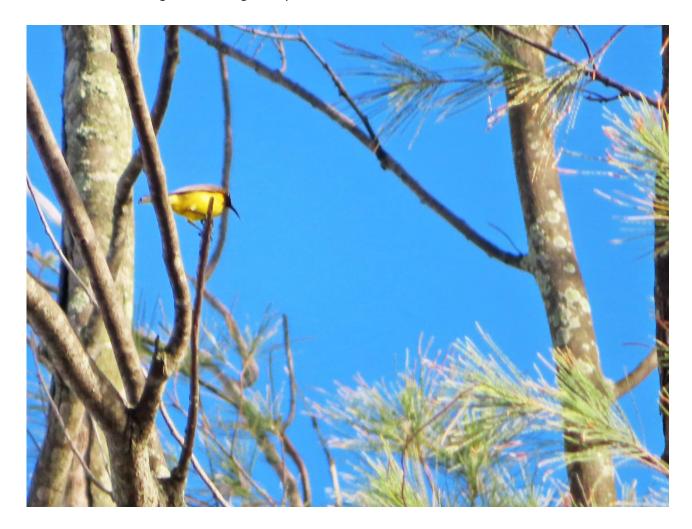
LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

In his usual station on the rocks, looking out for the small fish that gather here.

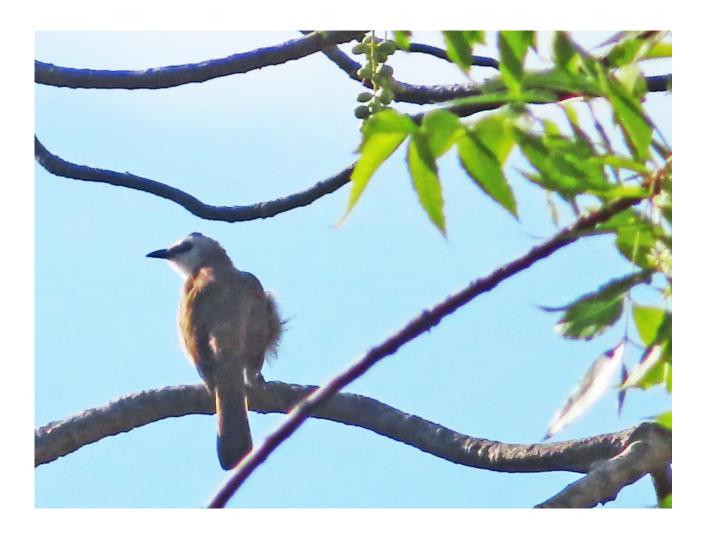


OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD (Nectarinia Jugularis)

High up in our 30m high casuarina tree, the yellow breast and body of this small, slight bird is highlighted by today's bright sunlight.



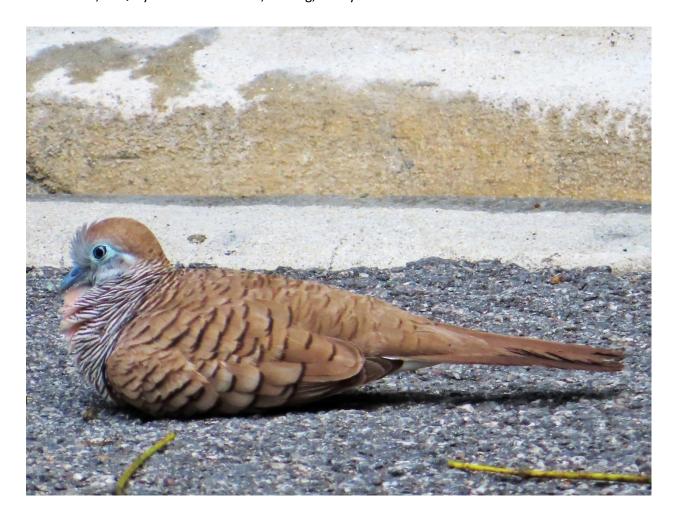
YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)



ZEBRA DOVE (Geopelia Striata)

Taking a rest on the very warm asphalt (air temperature 33°C today).

28 Feb 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia

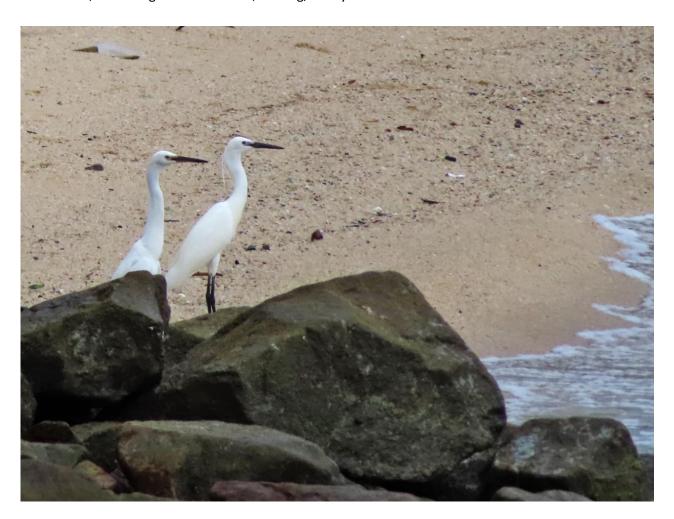


GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

A long-distance shot, but clearly showing the change of colour of the feet (from the usual yellow-green) to red during the breeding season. During this swason the long bills also change colour from yellow to black.

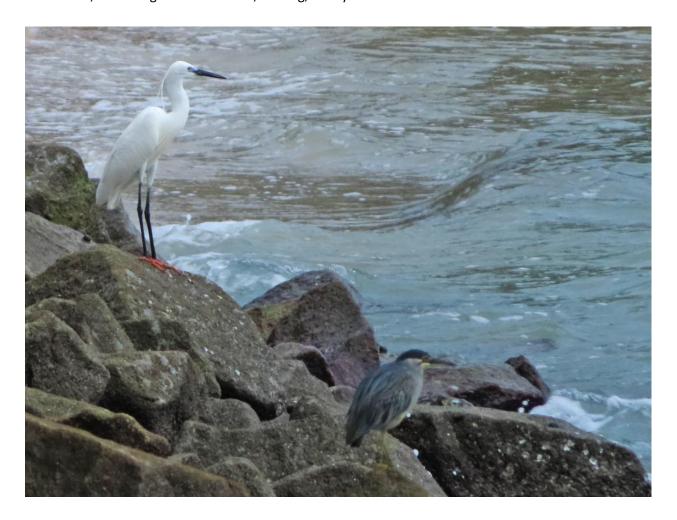


GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

Red feet are again clearly visible — as also is a little heron, partially camouflaged among the rocks.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

Great egrets rarely gather in groups larger then two or four (there were four here today) – unlike some other types of egret, such as the little egret (a smaller version of the great egret), which may congregate in quite large flocks in favourable locations. The great egret on the left below shows the usual yellow-green colour in its feet, possibly due to being non-breeding or immature.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)



SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)

Feeding on the lawn.



PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta sacra)

Looking for fish.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

Waiting for fish. This egret's feet show the usual yellow-green colour, from which the feet temporarily change to red colour during the breeding season. We are now in the breeding season and in this case the egret's bill has changed from the usual yellow colour to the temporary black colour of the breeding season, but the feet have not changed colour yet.



SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)



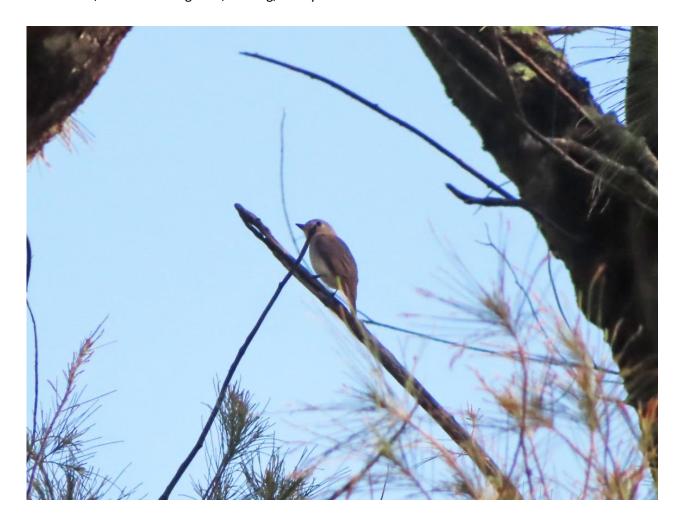
COMMON MYNA (Acridotheres Tristis)

With beak open to call from a high perch..



ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER (Muscicapa Dauurica)

Another very small and shy bird (only 13cm from tip of beak to tip of tail), that winters here in SE Asia from its home in eastern Siberia.



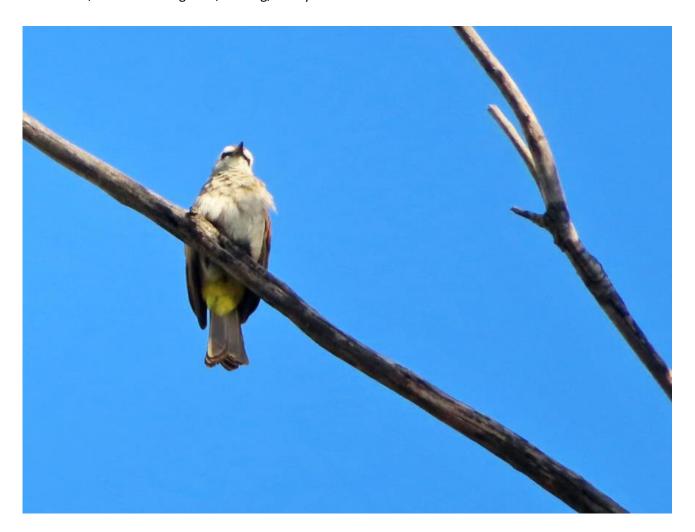
COMMON MYNA (Acridotheres Tristis)

Wading into the pool for a drink.

5 Mar 2023, seen at Quayside condominium, Penang, Malaysia.

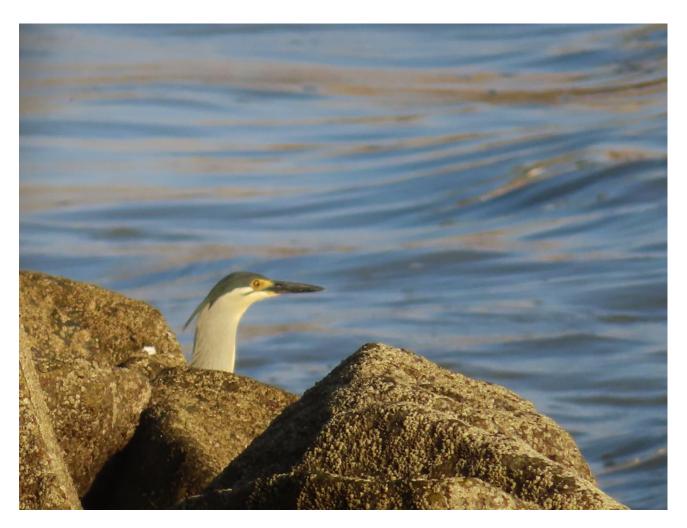


YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

Hiding among the rocks.



YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)

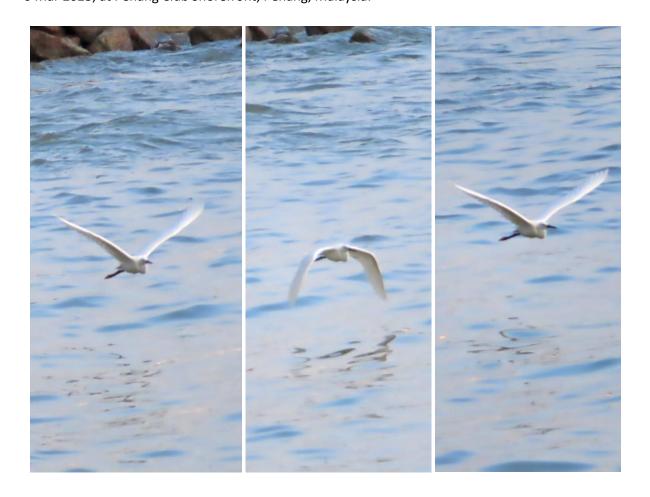
In the trees close to our balcony.

6 Mar 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

Three sequential shots showing the wing-beat pattern as it takes off. Note the long neck folded back double 6 Mar 2023, at Penang Club Shorefront, Penang, Malaysia.



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

At the waterfront this morning. It is interesting to see the red-coloured legs, rather than this bird's usual yellow-green leg colour. This is possible another example of breeding season colour variation, which is noted elsewhere (1 Mar) as seen in the feet and bill of the great egret – another bird of broadly the same family.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba or Casmerodius Albus)

In its habitual location, waiting for small fish. This one has reverted to its usual yellow bill colour – from the black colour of the breeding season (see clearer view in detail below).

14 Mar 2023, Penang Club Shorefront, Penang, Malaysia.





now before

BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

Digesting a large fruit.



PACIFIC REEF EGRET (Egretta Sacra)

Just after taking off.



EGRETS, VARIOUS TYPES



EGRETS (SEVERAL TYPES)

An unusually large number of Egrets seen at one time in this spot – possibly involving a parent-juvenile mix.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

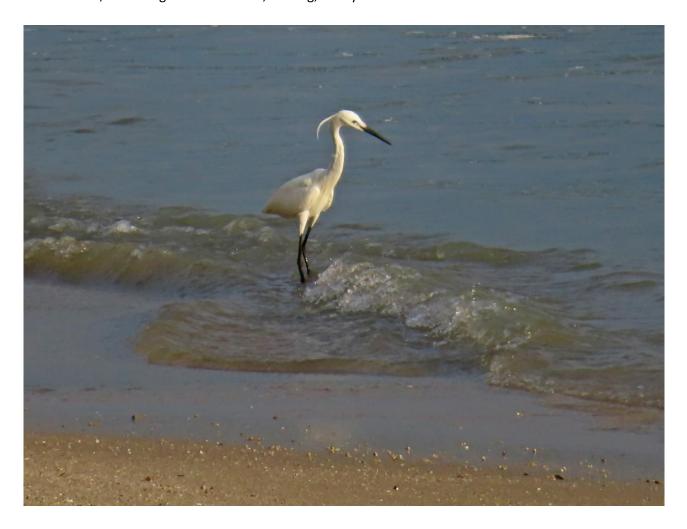
These birds usually travel close to water level. This is a view of one of them seen from the top floor (level 28) of our apartment complex – the level where we are temporarily using a friend's private swimming pool while the communal pools are out of service for maintenance. Note the egret's long white neck doubled back for flying.

21 Mar 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

A striking pose by this bird, waiting for fish in the shallows.



GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

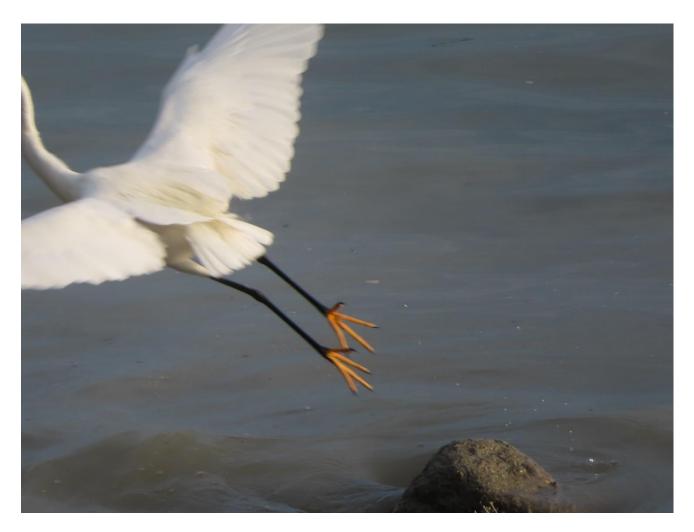
Two typical early morning shots of this bird.





GREAT EGRET (Egretta Alba)

A rapid take-off by the great egret.



BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

Perched high up in the Club's giant Casuarina tree. This bird is about the size of a small pigeon.



LITTLE HERON (Butorides Striatus)

At the waterfront this morning, another example of a littel heron with red legs – see previous occurrence and note on 9 March.



OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD (Nectarinia Jugularis)

The other yellow bird. This small bird, with its long thin bill (used for feeding on nectar in flowers and other vegetable foodstuffs) is only about 10cm or 2 in long (compared with the typical 27cm or 10.5 in of the much larger yellow bird here, the black-naped oriole. It is quite elusive and rarely perches in the same spot for more than a few seconds. It is seen here at the very top of the Club's 100 ft giant Casuarina tree, photographed at maximum optical zoom of the camera (40x zoom). See further detail on following page.





The casuarina tree

Detail from highest part (top left) of the tree

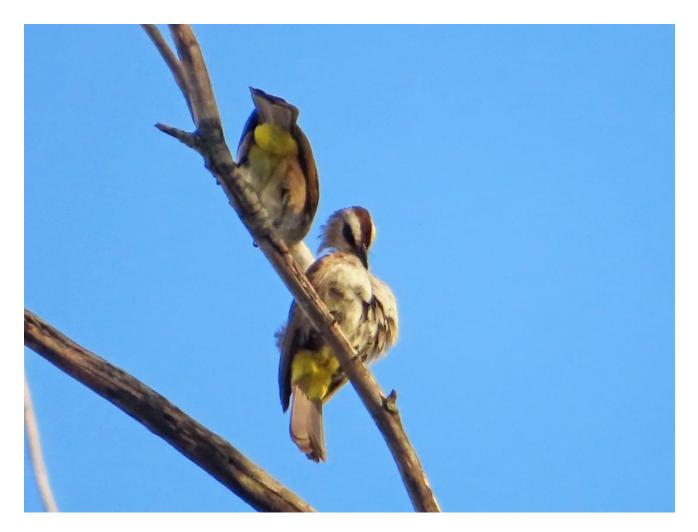
COMMON MYNA (Acridotheres Tristis)

A Myna on his daily inspection of the lawn for scraps.



YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus Goiavier)

A couple of yellow-vented bulbuls (with their yellow rumps clearly visible) preening themselves at the top of the casuarina tree.



SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia Chinensis)

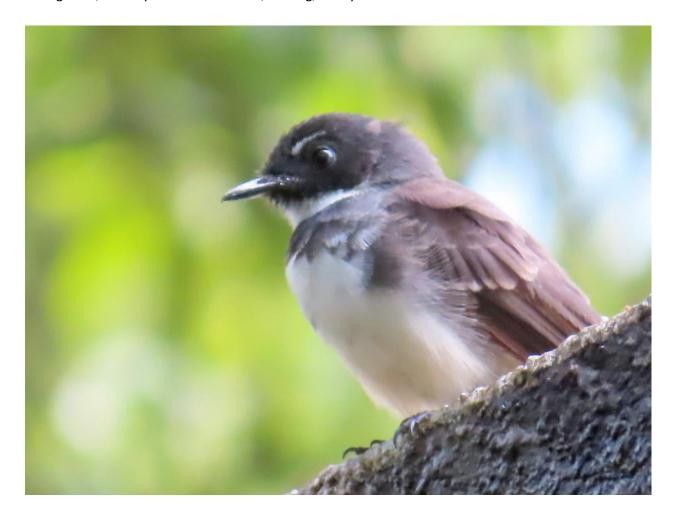
Stepping out across the lawn.



PIED FANTAIL (Rhipidura Javanica)

Watching us from a distance.

14 Aug 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia.



ZEBRA DOVE (Geopelia Striata)

Seen among the rocks on the shorefront near where we live.

10 Sep 2023, at Straits Quay Promenade, Penang, Malaysia.



SCALY-BREASTED MUNIA (Lonchura Punctulata)

A small bird, sparrow-like, seen among the grasses and wild flowers at the edge of the beach. Seen widely in mainland SE Asia.

8 Oct 2023, at Promenade, Straits Quay, Penang, Malaysia.



COMMON MYNAH (Lonchura Punctulata)

A resident Mynah strutting around in the grounds of the E&O HoteL

25 Oct 2023, at E&O Hotel, Penang, Malaysia.



BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus Chinensis)

This Oriole has just scavenged a scrap of vegetable matter – a flower-head maybe – from the ground and is about to depart for home.

28 Nov 2023, at Quayside Condominium, Penang, Malaysia.

