



List of 76 bird species observed at Dokmai Garden, Chiangmai

Birds of prey (5)

- Black Eagle (totally black underside, straight tail, glides at tree level).
- Black Kite (cold season, forked tail).
- Black-shouldered Kite (white underwings/black pointed tips, hovering).
- Crested Serpent Eagle (tail with one white and two black bands, glides high up).
- Shikra (a hawk, male with blue back and pick breast, underside light)

Owls (2)

- Asian Barred Owlet (awake in daytime, double yelps)
- Collared Scops-Owl (voice: a bouu every 12 seconds).

Swifts, swallows etc (3)

- Ashy Wood-swallow (Stout, triangular wings, square tail)
- Asian Palm-Swift (rapid wing-beating, narrow crescent wings, black, small, forked tail).
- Barn Swallow (white belly, red spot under the beak, slow wing beating, forked tail).

Pigeons and doves (3)

- Rock Pigeon (the common cosmopolitan pigeon).
- Spotted Dove (neck with distinctive spots).
- Zebra Dove (small, with a blue ring around the eye, quite shy).

Big and colourful (4)

- Green Bee-eater (green with an elongated central tail feather).
- Indian Roller (blue).
- Hoopoe (white black and copper, large crest, cool season).
- Coppersmith Barbet (green with multi-coloured head, voice like Lineated B., more metallic)

Long tailed birds (5)

- Racket-tailed Treepie (spatula tail, not exposed, trrrrr, check, check)
- Black Drongo (all black with a long forked tail).
- Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (black with two elegant and long feathers).
- Green-billed Malkoha (grey with an amazingly loooong tail).
- White-rumped Shama (rust red breast, white rump, beautiful song)

Big dark birds (6)

Black-collared Starling (white head and black collar).
Common Koel (big and black, rarely seen but its jungle bird sound is very common).
Common Mynah (yellow around the eye).
White-vented Mynah (black with a funny crest near the beak, often near the buffaloes).
Greater Coucal (black and rust brown).
Large-billed Crow (a black crow, uncommon visitor).

Little birds on the ground (5)

Oriental Magpie-Robin (black with white breast and with long tail).
Richard's Pipit (sandy camouflage colours, slim, stands erect).
Rufous-winged Bushlark (camouflage sandy-reddish, stout, lands like a parachuter).
White Wagtail (black and white, cold season, Oct 1, 2009).
Yellow-legged Buttonquail (rarely seen, in tall grass, looks like an egg with legs).

Little birds in the trees (22)

Red-throated Flycatcher (winter visitor, grey, small, short black beak).
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (blue back, red breast, prefers bamboo).
Baya weaver (yellow head, conspicuous nests)
Brown shrike (brown head).
Burmese Shrike (grey head, chestnut brown back, white wing blotch in flight, cool season).
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker (small grey-green, red on back, voice: metallic "dik").
Common Iora (small, greenish with yellow underparts, two white wing bars).
Chestnut-capped Babbler (voice like a cat-like brrrrrrrr)
Striped Tit-Babbler (very small, green, streaks in the face).
Common Tailorbird (small, yellowish, long tail, loud call resembling the great tit).
Grey-breasted Prinia (whitish-greyish breast, sounds like a European bird).
Plain Prinia (buffy yellow breast).
Inornate Warbler (two white wingbars, no crown).
Radde's Warbler (no wingbars, yellowish breast, voice: tuc),
Thick-billed Warbler (a loud tick tick tick).
Eurasian Tre-Sparrow (cosmopolitan species, nesting around the shop).
Plain-Backed Sparrow (greenish breast with a black spot).
Scaly-breasted Munia (brown with "scaled" breast, thick beak, nests around the shop).
Pied Bushchat (black breast and white rump and wing patch).
Red-whiskered Bulbul (grey with an erect crest, a red spot under the tail, partial collar).
Sooty-headed Bulbul (grey with red spot under the tail, no collar, tiny crest)
Streak-eared Bulbul (greyish).

Sunbirds (3)

Crimson Sunbird (curved beak and red head n' breast, western side of the water reservoir).
Olive-backed Sunbird (very small, yellow breast and curved bill, small hanging nests).
Purple Sunbird (black with curved beak, often in the Hibiscus hedge).

Wading birds (2)

Oriental Pratincole (in the sky, tern-like screams, forked tail, not in the cold season).
Red-wattled Lapwing (very vocal in the hot and rainy season).

Waterbirds (5)

Cattle Egret (around the pond, white, yellow back when breeding).

Little Egret (black legs and yellow feet)

Intermediate Egret (black feet and yellow beak, small).

Cinnamon Bittern (around the pond).

White-breasted Waterhen (dark back, white breast, long legs, runs around).

Kingfishers (2)

Common Kingfisher (small, blue with red and white behind the eye).

White-throated Kingfisher (large).

Nightjars (1)

Large-tailed Nightjar (voice: chonk, chonk, chonk every second).

Cuckoos (2)

Banded Bay Cuckoo (pi-pi-pip-pip).

Plaintive Cuckoo (diit diit diit didderidder (falling))

Wood peckers (2)

Rufous Woodpecker (drum a gradual halt, stalling engine, short black beak, rufous body).

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker (a fast drumming, full stop, white & black with red cap).

Domesticated birds (4)

Red Junglefowl mixed with domestic chicken (everywhere, hen brown with golden neck).

Chinese Swan-geese (in the water reservoir or in the vegetable section).

Duck (in the water reservoir).

Silver Pheasant (in the cage until later).

The reports were made by
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At one occasion, 10th of February 2010, Eric Danell and Tony Ball observed 42 wild bird species, of which 15 were new to Dokmai Garden.

On the 21st of March 2010, Eric Danell and Tony Ball observed 35 wild bird species, of which six were new to Dokmai Garden.

On the 11th of April 2010, We saw 31 wild bird species, of which two were new.

According to Tony Ball, most migrants leave towards the end of April or early May. March-April is therefore the best period for birdwatching, as stationary birds become more vocal while migrants still hang around.

We welcome new reports, or day lists.



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