



BIRDING DA LAT PLATEAU
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Summary

The Dalat Plateau is one of the five endemic bird areas (EBAs) in Vietnam identified by BirdLife International. Eight of the eight restricted-range bird species that occur in this EBA, Crested Argus *Rheinardia ocellata*, Yellow-billed Nuthatch *Sitta solangiae*, Black-hooded Laughingthrush *Garrulax milleti*, White-cheeked Laughingthrush *G. vassali*, Collared Laughingthrush *G. yersini*, Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler (Indochinese Wren Babbler) *Jabouilleia danjoui* and Vietnamese Greenfinch *Carduelis monguilloti*. Black-crowned Crocias *Crocias langbiansis*.

The Dalat Plateau also supports distinctive and endemic sub-species which have been split (or potential split) as difference species such as Rufous-backed Sibia, Black-headed Sibia, Blue-winged Minla, Black-throated

Sunbird and Red Crossbill, Vietnamese Cutia (*Cutia legalleni*) split from Cutia (*Cutia nipalensis*), Black-crowned Fuvetta (*Alcippe klossi*) split from Rufous-winged Fulvetta (*Alcippe castaneiceps*), Black (Grey) - headed Parrotbill.

This four-day birding itinerary is a sample for comprehending the avifaunas of the plateau. We will visit all key spots including Ta Nung, Langbian mt., Tuyen Lam and Di Linh (Deo Nui San).

Detail itinerary:

Day 1. Pick up in the early morning, drive to Da Lat. Birding in the afternoon.

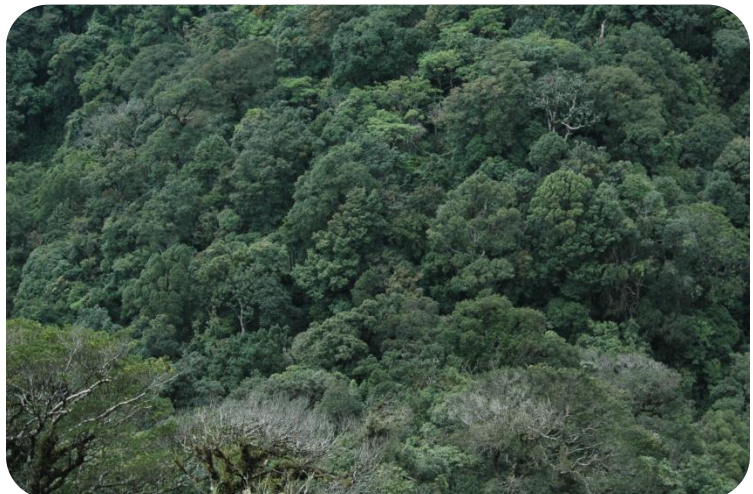
Overnight at Ngoc Lan/Hoang Gia/Novotel hotel (3 nights)

Day 2 & day 3 . Da Lat Plateau Endemic Bird Area

Two full days exploring Da Lat plateau, first of our visits is Ta Nung, a small



Grey-crowned Crocias by Nguyen Hoai Bao



Langbian Mt. photo by Nguyen Hoai Bao



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private evergreen forest but is the most accessible site for the rare and endemic species Grey-crowned Crocias. Other goodies endemic such as Orange-breasted, Black-hooded Laughingthrushes, Vietnamese Cutia, Vietnamese Greenfinch may also be found here. The second visit is Langbian Mt, the high peak at 2,169 m asl. This forest support to the most sought-after species, the beautiful and skulking endemic Collared Laughingthrush. The Black-crowned Fulvetta (split from Rufous-winged Fulvetta) is the common endemic among other targets: Wintering Mugimaki Flycatcher, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Grey-crowned Tit (Black-throated Tit), Vietnamese Cutia,...

Day 4. Da Lat – Di Linh – Sai Gon

The third visit of Da Lat plateau is driving to Di Linh for a half day birding. Here is a good rescue spot to find Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Vietnamese Cutia, Black-headed Parrotbill and the beautiful Blue Pitta.

Afternoon drive back to Sai Gon

Price

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USD/pax	840	540	440	390	360	340	326	315	307	300

Including: accommodation, bird guide, private car with driver, meals and entrance fee, jeeps.

Single supplement: \$180