



Barn Swallow

Flying above

- Acrobatic insect catching swallow
- Associates with Swifts & Swiftlets
- Look for deeply forked Tail & Streamers

House Swift

Flying above

- Darker than White-nest Swiftlet
- Look for white Rump and throat
- Acrobatic and always swooping for insects





White-nest Swiftlet

Flying above


- All dark grey swift flying and chattering overhead
- Constantly swooping and changing directions
- Their nests are edible and considered a delicacy



Ashy Drongo

Forest

- Uniformly grey with long forked tail
- Loves to sit at the top of trees
- Seen from Oct - April

A close-up photograph of an Ashy-headed Green-Pigeon perched on a thick, textured tree branch. The bird is facing right, with its head turned slightly towards the camera. It has a greyish-brown head, a green body, and wings with prominent dark green and black horizontal stripes. Its feet are a reddish-brown color. The background is a soft-focus view of green leaves and a small pink flower.

Ashy-headed Green-Pigeon

Forest


- Large Pigeon with either green or maroon wings
- Grey patch on forehead
- Usually travels in pairs



Blue Rock-Thrush

Forest

- All slate Grey / Blue thrush
- Tall and slender medium sized bird
- Loves standing still on a perch



Collared Scops-Owl

Forest

- Medium sized owl
- Large pale ear tufts
- 10-second pauses between single "hoot"



Greater Coucal

Forest


- Large Black and Brown bird, size of Raven
- Part of the Cuckoo family
- Makes booming repetitive "Coo-Coo" sounds



Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Forest

- Large black bird with long streamers
- Tuft of feathers at base of bill
- Can mimic the sound of other birds

A Green Imperial-Pigeon is perched on a dark brown tree branch. The bird has a grey head and neck, a dark beak, and a prominent red eye. Its wings and back are a vibrant green, while its underparts are grey. The background is a soft-focus green forest. A semi-transparent white box in the lower-left corner contains text about the bird.

Green Imperial-Pigeon

Forest

- Large Pigeon, green wings & back with grey body
- You'll hear it before you see it
- Deep "rrruh-RUOOHH" call



Green-billed Malkoha

Forest

- Grey Cuckoo with extremely long tail
- Red eye patches & pale yellow bill
- Walks around forest like a squirrel



Green-eared Barbet

Forest

- Bright green chunky bird
- Thick grey bill and bright green ear patch
- Hides in thick bushes, hard to get a good photo



Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo

Forest


- Similar to Greater Racket-tailed Drongo except...
- No crest on base of bill & flat irregular head shape
- Juvenile Racket-tails don't have streamers



Orange-headed Thrush

Forest

- Orange head and breast with grey wings
- Some have vertical stripes near eyes
- Hops on forest floor digging for insects

A close-up photograph of an Oriental Scops-owl perched on a dark, textured tree trunk. The owl has brown and grey mottled feathers and a large, bright yellow eye. The background is dark and out of focus.

Oriental Scops-owl

Forest

- Small Owl with large Yellow eyes
- Varries from grey to brown
- Listen for a series of 4 weak "toot"s



Red Junglefowl

Forest

- Wild version of the backyard chicken
- Found throughout the forest & villas
- Listen for the "cock-a-doodle-doo"



Red-billed Blue-Magpie

Forest

- Loud & aggressive forest bird
- Blue, white & black bird
- Extremely long tail



Taiga Flycatcher

Forest

- Small plain brown flycatcher
- Tail is contrasting black and white
- Tail sits cocked up



White-bellied Woodpecker

Forest


- Very Large dark Woodpecker
- Pale Eyes and white belly
- Look for them around dead trees



White-crested Laughingthrush

Forest

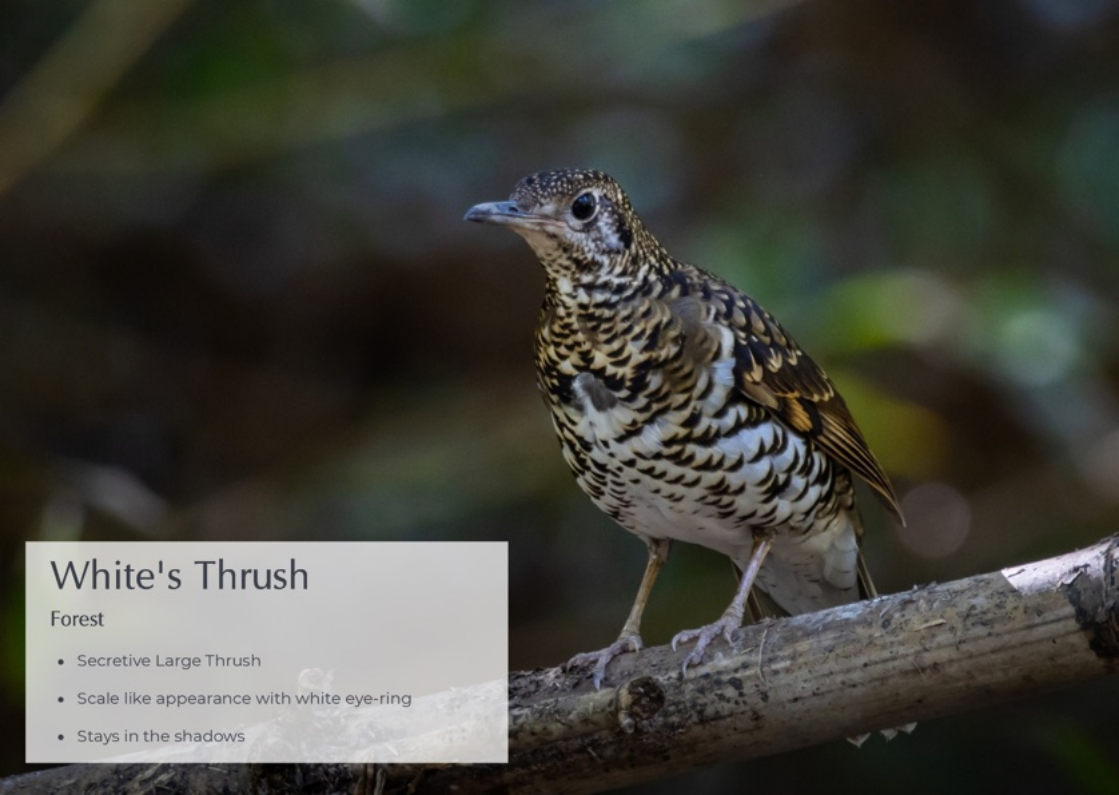
- Prominent White Face with black mask
- Trouble maker & travels in groups
- Loud & gregarious

A photograph of a White-rumped Shama bird perched on a thin, light-brown branch. The bird has a dark blue-black head and back, a bright orange-brown breast, and a long, white rump patch visible on its tail. It is facing left. The background is a soft-focus green forest.

White-rumped Shama

Forest

- Long tailed brown and black bird
- white spot on lower back and under tail
- Declining populations due to cage bird trade

A photograph of a White's Thrush bird perched on a thick, horizontal tree branch. The bird is facing left, with its head slightly turned towards the viewer. It has a dark, pointed beak and a prominent white ring around its dark eye. Its plumage is intricately patterned with dark brown or black streaks and spots over a lighter, possibly white or cream-colored, base. The background is a soft-focus forest scene with various shades of green and brown, suggesting a natural, wooded habitat.

White's Thrush

Forest

- Secretive Large Thrush
- Scale like appearance with white eye-ring
- Stays in the shadows

Asian Brown Flycatcher

Garden

- Plain brown flycatcher with big eyes
- Clean pale breast
- Like Orchid garden area





Burmese Shrike

Garden

- Small white and brown bird with dark cap
- Long tail, loves to perch on wires
- Hunts insects and small lizards



Common Tailorbird

Garden

- Small olive green back, white belly with Orange Cap
- Very common around villas
- Long tail & long bill



Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Garden

- Small brown and black
- Abundant garden bird near restaurant
- Look for black cheek patch



Flavescent Bulbul

Garden

- Large Brownish Yellow Bulbul with Grey head
- Travels in pairs or groups
- Look for them at the edge of clearings



Gray Nightjar

Garden

- Nocturnal insect eating bird
- Most likely encountered on pathway using flashlight
- Sounds like a toy laser gun

A photograph of an Oriental Magpie-Robin perched on a weathered tree stump. The bird has a dark grey-blue head and back, a long white wing stripe, and a light brownish-orange belly. It is facing left. The background is a soft-focus green and brown, suggesting a garden setting.

Oriental Magpie-Robin

Garden

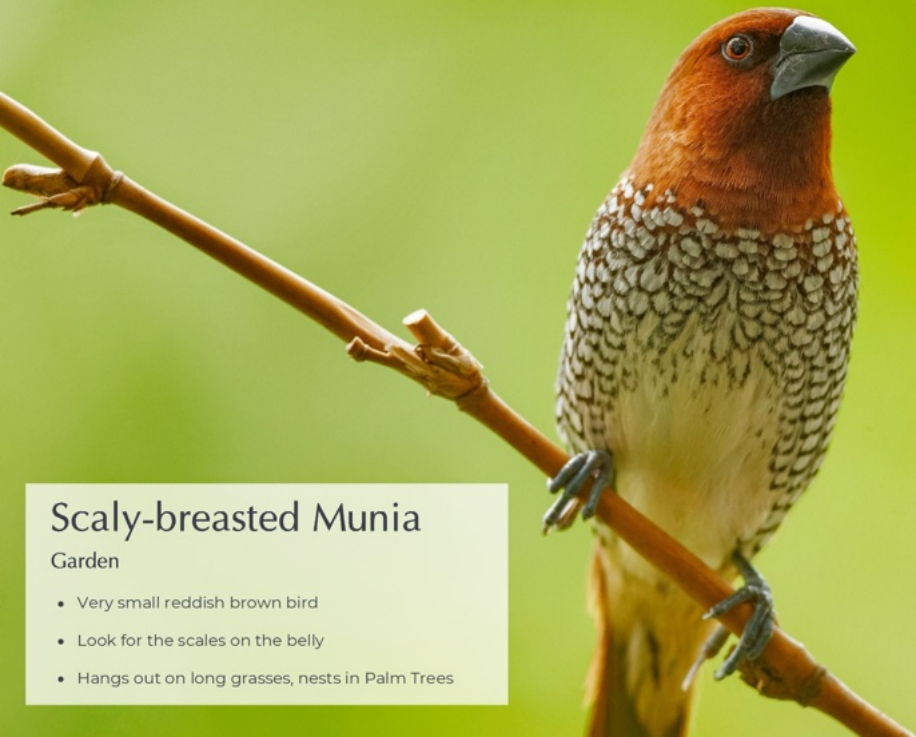
- Medium sized dark Robin, long white wing stripe
- Best seen early in the morning
- Likes the top of exposed tree tops

Red-whiskered Bulbul

Garden

- Dapper brown and white Bulbul with dark head crest
- Look for red patch near ear
- Commonly captured as a cage bird





Scaly-breasted Munia

Garden

- Very small reddish brown bird
- Look for the scales on the belly
- Hangs out on long grasses, nests in Palm Trees



Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Garden

- Small black, blue and white bird
- Long red stripe from head to tail
- Look near flowering trees & bushes



Slaty-legged Crake

Garden

- Small chicken like dark bird
- Creeps around villa early in the morning
- Adults have orange heads and zebra striped stomach



Sooty-headed Bulbul

Garden

- Medium gray bird with black head
- Yellow under tail
- Travels in groups with other Bulbuls



Spotted Dove

Garden

- Tall brown body, grey head, polka dots on neck
- Gives Dove call "hoo-coo"
- Sits on building roofs



Streak-eared Bulbul

Garden

- Plainest of the Bulbuls
- White Zebra stripes on cheek
- Abundant around garden and villas



Stripe-throated Bulbul

Garden

- Grey bird with splashes of lime-green
- Travels in groups near villas
- Loves berry bushes



Yellow-browed Warbler

Garden

- Greenish bird with yellow eyebrow
- Small and constantly moving
- Very common in garden area



Zebra Dove

Garden

- Small ground dove, looks hunched over
- Grey with zebra stripes
- Also can sit on rooftops with Spotted Doves



Asian Green Bee-eater

Mangroves

- Constantly swooping for bugs near Lagoon
- Green back & long tail
- Likes to land on the same branch over and over



Brown-throated Sunbird

Mangroves

- Almost every color of the rainbow
- Long bill for feeding on flowers
- Yellow belly and dark back until the sun hits it right



Chinese Pond-Heron

Mangroves

- The most abundant water bird
- Brown striped body with white wings
- White wings prominent when flying



Cinnamon Bittern

Mangroves

- Bright Rufous small heron
- Hides in tall grass around water
- Stands motionless with their heads held high



Collared Kingfisher

Mangroves

- Bright Turquoise and white kingfisher
- Loudest of the 3 kingfishers
- Cries "kek-kek-kek-kek"



Common Kingfisher

Mangroves

- Little turquoise and orange bird with Long Bill
- The shyist of the three types of Kingfisher in Lagoons
- Look for them sitting still on a branch over water



Crimson Sunbird

Mangroves

- Very Small bird with curved bill
- Bright red, belly & back
- Wears a blue cap & mustache



Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

Mangroves

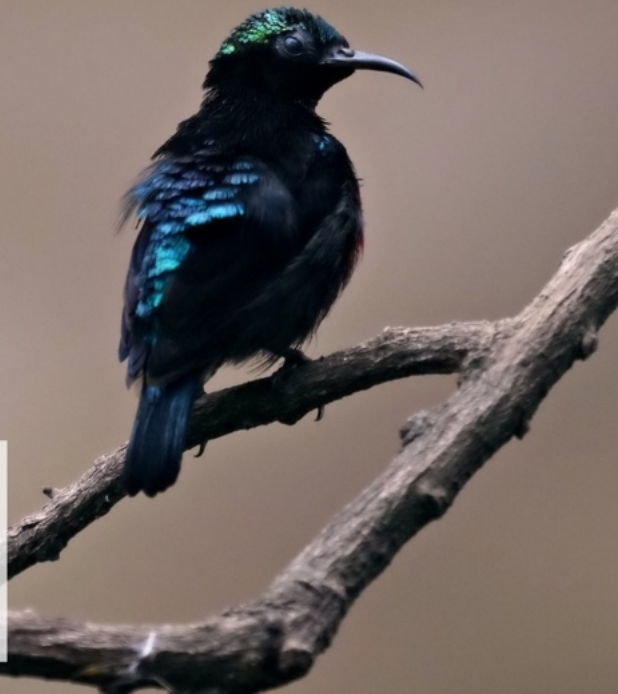
- Very small dark blue & white bird
- Small red blood stain on chest
- Stays high up in flowering trees

A close-up photograph of an Ornate Sunbird perched on a thorny branch. The bird has a long, dark, slightly curved bill. Its head is brown, and its throat is a vibrant blue. The breast area is a mix of dark blue and red. The wings and back are brown, and the underparts are a pale yellow. The bird is facing left, and the background is a soft-focus green and brown.

Ornate Sunbird

Mangroves

- Small brown bird with long bill
- Bright blue throat
- Found throughout villas, garden & lagoon



Purple Sunbird

Mangroves

- Very small sunbird
- Appears all black until sun reflects the purple
- Loves the bridge near the mangroves



Striated Heron

Mangroves

- Medium sized heron with dark cap
- Skulks quietly in mangroves
- Will sit motionless waiting to strike



White-breasted Waterhen

Mangroves

- All black with white throat, large waterbird
- Walk near edges of ponds, hides in bushes
- Holds small tail upright



White-throated Kingfisher

Mangroves

- Brown body with turquoise Wings
- White spot on chest
- Hovers over lagoon looking for fish



Black-naped Tern

Ocean

- Long winged and long tailed tern
- All white with single black band around head
- Like to follow the boats



Common Sandpiper

Ocean

- Small shorebird
- Found along beach
- Constantly bobbing it's tail up and down



Painted Stork

Ocean

- Extremely large stork with rare appearances at L'Ayla
- All white with black wings
- large yellow bill and orange face

Whiskered Tern

Ocean

- Small mottled grey & white ocean tern
- Dark black cap over white cheeks
- Dark red bil and legs, also follows boats





White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Ocean

- All White belly with black and white wings
- Watch for them hunting fish
- Listen for their high piteched scream