#### THE BIRDS OF BUKTT TIGAPULUH, SOUTHERN RIAU, SUMATRA

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#### **Summary**

A study was made of the avifauna of the Bukit Tigapuluh area in Riau and Jambi Provinces, Sumatra in July-September 1991. This is the first major study of the lowland bird fauna of mainland Riau in this century.

A total of 193 bird species was recorded, including 18 species listed as globally threatened. Extensions to known ranges were made for 26 species of which 25 were new to Riau and 3 to Jambi- Data were also provided on 5 species for which there were no recent Sumatran records: Cresttess Fireback Pheasant *Lophura erythropthalma*. Garnet Pitta *Pitta granatina*, Striped Wren-babbler *Kenopia striata*. Large Wren-babbler *Napothera macrodactyla* and Chestnut-capped Thrush *Zoothera interpres*. In addition, information on breeding was provided for 51 species, of which 22 species were not previously documented to breed in Sumatra.

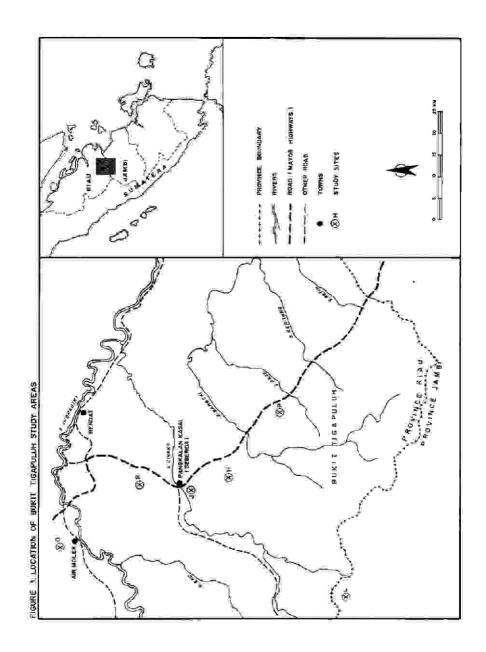
#### Introduction

Between 26 July and 30 September 1991, under the auspices of the Norwegian Indonesian Rain Forest and Resource Management Project, the authors surveyed the avifauna of Bukit Tiga Puluh, centered on 1°00'S, 102°30'E, in the lowlands of Riau Province, eastern Sumatra. Observations were made in primary forest, logged forests, 'jungle rubber', and plantations, concentrating on six study sites.

From a review of Marle & Voous (1988) it is apparent that few ornithological surveys have been conducted in Riau Province. Towards the end of the last century, the Swiss taxidermist G. Schneider "travelled extensively through the Riau Province" in 1897-99 (Schneider 1906) and the coastal areas were visited by Dr. W.L. Abbott (Made & Voous 1988). It was hot until the early 1980's that this part of Sumatra received brief further visits by ornithologists, and in 1991 a one-week survey was conducted around the Kampar and Rokan rivers in the northern part of Riau Province (Balen 1991). Thus the present study constitutes the first major ornithological field effort in the area.

### Study area

The study was conducted in Seberida Subdistrict of Riau Province and the adjacent Bungotebo District of Jambi Province (see Figure 1). The dominant natural vegetation of Bukit Tigapuluh is lowland evergreen dipterocarp rain forest (Whitmore & Samsoedin 1991). Peat swamp forest and



freshwater swamp forest are found on the plains to the north and east of Bukit Tigapuluh. The area has a rich rainforest flora (Whitmore & Samsoedin 1991), the most prevalent tree families being Euphorbiaceae, Lauraceae, Burseraceae and Dipteroearpaceae (Mirmanto & Schumacher, in prep.). The composition of the tree flora is summarized in Table 1. The species diversity of trees is comparable with that of lowland forest formations in Borneo (Mirmanto & Schumacher, in prep.). However, the number of timber-sized trees is low, and the density of trees is comparatively high.

In primary forest, common species are *Aporusa stellifera, Buchanania arborescens, Canarium littorale, Endiandra* sp., *Neoscortechinia kingii, Shorea acuminata, S. lepidota,* and *S. multiflora* (Mirmanto & Schumacher, in prep.). In logged and regenerating forest, common species include *Artocarpus elasticus, Baccaurea racemosa, Elateriospermum tapes, Girroniera subaequalis, Hopea mengerawan, Macaranga gigantea, M. triloba, M. hypoleuca, Parashorea lucida, <i>Polyalthia hexandrum, Rhodamnia cinerea,* and *Shorea cf. Materialis*.

Within primary forest, the canopy was three-tiered with a higher stratum from 30 to 38 m, a middle stratum from 21 to 30 m, and a lower stratum from 12 to 21 m (Mirmanto & Schumacher, in prep.). Within logged forest, the canopy was also three-tiered but of lower height, being respectively 26 to 35 m, 18 to 26 m, and 10 to 18 m

The mean annual rain is 2820 mm, with relatively dry months in February and from May to October. Mean annual temperature is 27°C and the mean relative humidity is 84%.

Table 1. Composition of the tree flora recorded in Bukit Tigapuluh (Mirmanto & Schumacher, in prep.).

Family	Genera	Species
Euphorbiaceae	9	18
Lauraceae	7	12
Burseraceae	3	10
Dipterocarpaceae	3	8
Myristicaceae	3	8
Annonaceae	6	10
Meliaceae	4	6
Moraceae	3	6
Rubiaceae	4	4
Sapotaceae	2	4

Trail systems were established in six study areas of similar undulating topography, dissected by numerous small streams. Sites were established at 10-50 km intervals. All plots were located in the middle of an extensive area of a uniform land-use type, except the jungle rubber, which was surrounded by slash-and-bum areas and a large river, and included a patch of grassland.

The logged forest study areas were structurally similar and are assumed to have had an original vegetation structure, habitat range and bird community composition very similar to those of the

undisturbed forest. The two plantation plots were located at lower altitudes (20-70 m) than the forest plots (50-180 m), no plantations having yet been established in the area at the higher altitude.

Site A, the **primary forest site** (**P** in tables). Situated 10 km south of Seberida, between the granite quarry, Talanglakat and Sungai Akar in Seberida Subdistrict (0°48'S, 102°32'E). The vegetation was 20-35 m tafl with emergents reaching 50 m. It was within the *ca.* 160,000 ha of primary forest in the proposed Seberida and Bukit Besar Conservation Area.

Site B, the **lightly logged forest site** (L in tables). Located adjacent to Gelumpang Kecil River, east of the main road between Lubu Kandis and Jambi in Bungotebo District. Jambi province (0°35'S, 102°11'E). It had been lightly logged in 1980-81, using tractors to extract the timber. Timber extraction was 4 trees per hectare. It had the same heights of canopy and emergents as the other primary and heavily logged forest sites, but the density of trees and their basal area per hectare were 35% and 40% lower.

Site C, the **heavily logged forest site** (**H** in tables). Adjacent to Sekuyam River, 1000 m northwest of the Korindo Km 10 log camp in Seberida District (0°43'S, 102°27E). It had been logged in 1984, using tractors to extract the timber. Timber extraction was 15 trees per hectare. It was a mosaic of several distinctly different types of vegetation. Approximately half of the area had been severely damaged and contained very few large trees. Those trees that remained were very dense and mostly less than 10 m tall Such areas resembled gaps within the primary and lightly logged forest plots attributed to tree falls. Vegetation was smothered with creepers and vines. Other areas suffered little or no damage, and contained 20-30 m tall forest with emeargents at 45 m Where logging roads transversed the plot the vegetation was distinct, the verges being dominated by trees of *Macaranga hosei* (Euphorbiaceae).

Site D, the **jungle rubber site** (or rubber fallow, **J** in tables). Located adjacent to Cenako River south-east of Pangkalan Kasai, Seberida District (0°35'S, 102°24'E). After clear-cutting in the mid 1960's, probably for an arable crop, this 500 m broad area along the Cenako River was planted with seedling rubber and left to regrow. An estimated 36% of the trees over 10 cm d.b.h. were rubber, of which 66% were still producing latex. The area was surrounded by slasli-and-bum areas and low secondary growth. The height of the canopy was 15-20 m, with emergents reaching 25 m. The undergrowth consisted of 1-2 m tall perennials and thickets of bamboo *Dendrocalamus* sp. This land use type is commonly referred to in Sumatra as "jungle rubber". An open area of two hectares was covered by Alang-alang grass *Imperata cylindrica*.

Site E, the **modern rubber plantation site** ( $\mathbf{R}$  in tables). Situated near Sibabat Pua. Pasir Penyu District (0°31'S, 102°24'E). The plantation comprised mature rubber trees *Hevea brasiliensis* (Euphorbiaceae), planted m 1982-83 in an area previously covered by rain forest. It was roughly 10,000 ha, and surrounded by agricultural land, the nearest forested area lying 5 km from the plot. Average height of the trees was 15.6 ( $\pm$ 1.2) m, and density was 944 ( $\pm$ 269) trees per hectare. The undergrowth was regularly cut. It was dominated by *Blechnum* sp. (Polypodiaceae) and *Pisum* sp. (Fabaceae), locally with patches of *Cyperus sp.* and *Imperata cylindrica*, and small bushes of *Melastoma affinis* (Melastomataceae). A pond was surrounded by trees of *Macaranga gigantea*.

Site F, the oil palm plantation site (O in tables). Located near Link, 4 km north of Air Molek, Pasir Penyu District (0°18'S,  $102^{\circ}17E$ ). The plantation was 10,000 ha ( $10 \times 10$  km) and consisted of mature oil palms *Elaeis guineensis* (Palmae). The plantation was surrounded by rubber plantations, the nearest forest lying 6 km from the plot. Average height of the palms was  $11.1 \pm 0.8$ ) m, and density was 162 trees per hectare. The stems of the palms were densely covered by ferns and small plants. Within 1.5m of the palms an area was kept free of vegetation. Otherwise, there were dead palm leaves and abundant ferns, *Blechnum* sp., between the palms.

For a detailed account of the vegetation, see Danielsen & Heegaard (1995).

#### Methods

All censuses and netting were made during optimal conditions, between 06.00 and 11.00 hrs in fine, dry weather, using the same techniques in all habitats. A variable-distance line-transect method was used, supplemented by systematic mist-netting. Mist-netting was carried out with 15 to 20 nets (150-250 m), mainly set at 0.5 - 3.0 m height. After three to four consecutive days of netting, nets were moved to a new location. Each bird was banded and released. The effort was 10,200 - 15,500 net-meter hours (NMH) in each of the forest study areas and in the jungle rubber study area, but only 6,200 NMH in the modem rubber plantation and 3,300 NMH in the oil palm plantantion study area.

A line-transect survey route of 2000 m was cut in a straight line in each habitat, independent of logging roads, light gaps etc. Easily recognizable markers were put up every 250 m. The route was walked by one person with a speed of 250m per 15 minutes. This speed allowed brief stopovers where vocalizing birds were detected. The route was surveyed four times per day. In each of the four forest study areas the route was surveyed for 40 hours, while in each of the two plantation areas the route was only surveyed for 20 hours.

Nomenclature follows Andrew (992).

#### Results

A total of 193 species of birds, including three northern hemisphere migrants, was recorded within the Bukit Tigapuluh area (Appendix I). During the survey period, 50 days were spent in the field. Among the more interesting results are the records of 18 globally threatened species of birds (Collar *et al.* 1994) (Table 2). We also added 25 new species for Riau Province and 3 for Jambi Province (*cf.* Marle & Voous 1988). This high total is presumably due to the lack of previous studies in the area. The paucity of knowledge of the Sumatran avifauna can also be seen from the list of breeding records (Table 3). A total of 51 species was found to breed in the survey area, for 22 of which there was no previous documentation of breeding on Sumatra (Marle & Voous 1988).

Table 2. Globally threatened or Bear-threatened species, Bukit Tigaputuh, July-September 1991 (Collar *et al* 1994).

SPECIES/ HABITAT	Р	L	Н	J	R	0
Anhinga melanogaster				+		
Ciconia stormi	Х					
Leptoptilus javanicus		+				
Aviceda jerdoni	Х					
Cairina scutulata		Х				
Melanoperdix nigra		(-^				
Lopfwra erythropthalma	Х	х				
Lophura ignita		(+)				
Psittinus cyanurus	х	х	х	Х		
Batrachostomus auritus				х		
Rhyticeros corrugatus		х	х	Х		
Anthracoceros malayanus	х			Х		
Rhinoplax vigil	х	х	х			
Trichastoma rostratum		х				
Trichastoma bicolor	х	х		х		
Malacapteron albogulare		Х				
Napothera macrodactyla	х					
Cyornis turcosus	х	х		х		

Notes to Table 2:

X; Recorded in the surveyed habitat;

+: Recorded outside the surveyed habitat;

(+): Not recorded by the team, but reported by local people

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Table 3. Breeding records, Bukit Tigapuluh, Juli-September 1991

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SPECIES/HABITAT	Р	L	Н	J	R	0
CyorNIs turcosus		0				
HypothymIs azurea	М	0	OM	OM		
Philentoma pyrhopterum*			0			
Rhipidura perlata	М					
Prionochilus maculatus	М	М				
Prionochilus percussus*		М		0		
Anthreptes simplex*			М			
Arachnothera longirostra*	М		F	0		
Arachnothera affinis	М					
Lonchura striata			М			
Oriolus xanthonotus			0			

#### Notes to Table 3:

\*; First documented breeding record for Sumatra;

M: Juvenile (with yellow/orange side of mouth) mia-netted;

N: Observation of nest or aduh carrying nest material;

**O:** Juvenile bird observed;

The following list comprises the more significant findings, such as new Sumatran breeding records, new provincial records, and notes on threatened species. The conservation status of the species (Collar *et al* 1994) and the known status in Sumatra (Marle & Voous 1988) are given in the first paragraph.

#### Anhinga melanogaster Oriental Darter

Nonbreeding visitor (but see Holmes & Rusila, this issue), near threatened.

Three observations of single individuals, all outside the survey areas. Twice in a lake near Reingat (0°27'S, 102°2TE) and (me along the road north of Sungai Akar (0°42'S, 102°30'E). These seem to be the first observations from Riau Provmce, and represent the northernmost records from Sumatra [but see the Sumatra Bird Report (*Kukila* in prep)].

#### Ciconia stormi Storm's Stork

Endangered. Resident, found only in riverine and swampy lowland forests. One observation of an immature bird in primary forest, Sungai Akar, 20 September.

#### Leptoptilos javanicus Laser Adjutant

Vulnerable. Common resident in wetlands. One observation of a single bird, 28 July, soaring over agricultural land in a swampy area outside me surveyed localities (0°45'S. 102°15\*E).

### Aviceda jerdoni Jerdon's Baza

Near-threatened. Possible resident. Sew records from Sumatra.

One observation of ft angle bird on 20 September a primary forest is the first record for Riau Province.

#### Macheiramphus alcinus Bat Hawk

Resident throughout the mainland, but rather few recent records (DA Holmes, pers. Comm.) One record on 15 September of a bird in flight along a logging road in primary forest.

## Cairina scutulata White-winged Duck

Endangered. Uncommon resident, confined to swamps and rivers in lowland forests. One individual was seen and heard flying over the camp area three mornings and four evenings (approx. 06.15 and 18.15 hrs) during the fieldwork at Gelumpang, lightly logged forest in the period from 28 July to 7 August.

#### Melanoperdix nigra Black Partridge

Near-threatened-Resident, but few records; inhabits primary lowland and peat swamp forest. Not observed but interviewed Kubus from Gelumpang treported that the species occurs in the area.

### Lophura erythrophthalma Crestless Fireback

Vulnerable. A bird of primary forest; resident, but only few specimens obtained, no recent records never reported to have been observed alive in Sumatra.

A pair seen m lightly logged forest, Gelumpang on 3 Angust and two birds, probably both famles, observed on a transect in primary forest, Sungai Akar on 16 September. The birds were very secretive and silent: only seen in glimpses, and imposible to follow m the dense undergrowth, where they quickly disappeared.

#### Lophura ignita Crested Fireback

Vulnerable. Resident and formerly locally common in primary forest.

Not observed but interviewed Kubus from Gelumpang reported that the species occurs in the area.

## Psittinus cyanurus Blue-rumped Parrot

Near-threatened- Resident in primary and *secondary* foretfs and in fruiting trees in cultivated areas and plantations

We found the species to be common in primary fores and uncommon in me logged forests and in jungle rubber.

#### Batrachostomus auritus Large Frogmouth

Threatened status: data deficient. Resident in forested lowland, tittle known and only few records. An adult bird which was mist-netted on 27 September in the jungle rubber next to Fangkalan Kasai constitutes the eighth record for Sumatra, and me first for Riau Province Marle &. Voous (1988) mention six records (mostly collected speciemen) and a single bird was observed near Ketambe Gunung LEuser National Park in July 1988 (Reinemo & Ditlevsen *in litt.*).

## Hirundapus giganteus Brown-hacked Needletail

Presumable resident, though some may be migrants. Common over forest at all attitudes.

Two birds were seen flying above the heavily logged forest, Sekuyam. Several observations of single birds and small flocks in the area around Pangkalan Kasai. These are the first records from Riau Province.

## Cypsiurus balasiensis Asian Palm-swift

Rather common resident in open country, although not previously recorded in Riau.

Found in lightly logged forest, modem rubber plantation and oil palm plantation. Sungai Sago.

#### Harpactes orrhophaeus Cinnamon-rumped Trogon

Rare resident m primary and logged forests, with only few scattered records.

An adult bird observed on 17 September in primary forest is the first for Riau Province.

#### Bereniconus comatus White-crowned Hornbill

Resident but few records, A single bird seen m lightly logged finest (Jambi Province).

## Anorrhinus galeritus Bushy-crested Hornbill

Resident in forests up to 1200 m.

An adult bird seen flying with nest material in the heavily logged forest at Sekuyam, and juvenile birds observed in the rubber fallow. Pangkalan Kasai are the first breeding records of me species from Sumatra.

## Rhyticeros corrugatus Wrinkled Hornbill

Vulnerable. Resident in primary lowland forest, especially near the coast.

Observed in lightly and heavily logged forests and in the jungle rubber, but more often in lightly logged forest.

#### Anthracoceros malayanus Black Hornbill

Near-threatened. Resident in lowland forests.

The s-pecies was found uncommonly m primary forest and jungle rubber. It was also sighted in secondary forest along Sungai Akar, south of the primary forest site.

#### Rhinoplax vigil Helmeted Hornbill

Near-threatened- Not uncommon resident in undisturbed forest up to 1000 m.

The species is very vocal and easily identified-We found this hornbill to be very common in all three forest types which were surveyed, but we had no records in the plantations.

## Dinopium rafflesii Olive-backed Woodpecker

Uncommon resident in most forest types, but only few recent records.

Single birds in Sekuyam, heavily logged forest and Gehimpang, lightly logged forest

## Calyptomena viridis Green Broadbill

Resident, primary and old secondary forest up to 1700m.

Few observations, mostly of angle birds, in lightly and heavily logged forests. Found commonly in primary forest, Sungai Akar. One bird was mist-netted at Sekayum, seven in Sungai Akar, of which at least one weas a juvenile bird in heavily logged forest on 15 and 16 August.

#### Pitta guajana Banded Pitta

Residoit throughout the mainland, but recent record are rather localized (D.A- Hotmes, pers comm.). Two birds observed in heavily logged forest on 15 mid 16 August

### Pitta grannatina Garney Pitta

Rare resident in primary forest up to ca-500m. No recent records.

Single individuals of a family group were observed aeveial times in heavily logged forea, Sekayum, where a juvenfle was caught. We had no observations at other sites, but a juvenile was netted in the primary primary forest, Sungai Akar. These are the first records for Sumatra since the beginning of this century, the first for Riau Province and the first breeding records for Sumtra.

## Pycnonotus melanoluecos Black-and-white Bulbul

Resident in primary and dense secondary forest up to 1200m, only few records and poorly known. Found in several places, including two birds in logged forest 8 km south of Pangkalan Kasai-One observation on the transect in heavily logged forest, Sekuyam, where also a single adult bird was taken in a mist-net. Firly common on the transect in primary forest, where nine birds were caught. A juvenile mist-netted in the rubber fallow, Pangkalan Kasai constitutes the first breeding record for Sumatra. The species has not been recorded previously in Riau Province.

#### Hypsipetes criniger Hairy-backed Bulbul

Resident in primary and secondary foreats up to 1000m.

Juvenile birds observed in primary forest, Sungai Akar are the first breeding records from Sumatra

#### Chloropsis cyanopogon Lesser Green Leafbird

Formerly common resident., found in primay and tall secondary forests.

Juvenile birds wereseen being fed by an adult bird in the modern rubber plantation, Sibabat. This is the first breeding record for Sumatra.

#### Irena puelia Asian Fairy Bluebird

Common resident, found in primary, tall secondary and fresh water swamp forests up to 1000m. A femalese seen feeding her young, in jungle rubber, is the first record of breeding in Sumatra.

## Luscinia cyane Siberian Blue Robin

Rare winter visitor, but probably overlooked since it is common in Peninsular Malaysia during migration and the norhten and winter.

A female or a juvenile male, mist-netted in the rubber fallow on 26 Sept at Pangkalan Kasai is the fifth record for Sumatra (Marle & Voous 1988) and the first from Riau Province. Measurements; wing 72 mm, tail 47 mm, bill 11.6 mm, tarsus 26.3 mm.

## Copsychus pyrropygus Rufous-tailed Shama

Uncommon in dark understorey of primary forest up to 1000 m

Three individuals of this species were surprisingly recorded in the modem rubber plantation, where the undergrowth was quite open. The vegetation consisted mainly of up to one meter high herbs and small bushes. Some old logs and stumps from the former forest were still present. The identification was confirmed from a tape-recording (DA-Holmes *in litt.*, and S. van Balen *in litt.*).

#### Enicurus leschenaulti White-crowned Forktail

Uncommon resident along streams in dry forests up to 1400 m.

Quite commonly observed at the transect in lightly logged forest, Gelumpang. A single bird netted in primary forest, Sungai Akar, is the first record for Riau Province.

# Zoothera interpres Chestnut-capped Thrush

Resident in primary forest. No recent records, probably due to its skulking habits.

On 15 July an adult bird was observed on the ground in dense undergrowth of the jungle rubber, Pangkalan Kasai This is only the second record of me species on mailand Sumatra (Made & Voous 1988), and the first for Riau Province.

# Eupetes macrocerus Rail Babbler

Resident of primary forest up to 900 m.

One record of two birds on the transect in primary forest, Sungai Akar, is the first observation from Riau.

#### Trichastoma buettikoferi Buttikofer's Babbler

Uncommon and local resident in edges of primary forests, few records only and poorly known. Observed in small numbers at the transects in primary, lightly and heavily logged forests. Three individuals were netted in Gelumpang. First records from Riau Province. The second breeding record of this species is provided by two adults feeding two juveniles in lightly logged forest on 5 Aug.

#### Trichastoma rostratum White-chested Babbler

Near-threatened. Uncommon resident in mangrove swamps and lowland forests along rivers. A juvenile was caught in the lightly logged forest, Gelumpang, where the species was found to be very common. This is the first breeding record for Sumatra.

#### Trichastoma bicolor Ferruginous Babbler

Near-threatened. Not uncommon resident in closed-canopy lowland forests.

Found commonly in primary forest, less so in lightly logged forest. Four, two and one bird caught in primary forest, lightly logged forest and rubber fallow respectively. New to Riau Province. Observation of juveniles being fed by adults in primary forest is the first breeding record for Sumatra.

## Malacopteron magnirostre Moustached Babbler

Rather common resident, found in primary and regenerating forests. Juveniles caught in primary and heavily logged forests constitute the first breeding records for Sumatra.

## Malacopteron cnereum Scaly-crowned Babbler

Locally common residentt, mainly in primary forest.

Juveniles observed in Sekuyam and caught in primary forest, Sungai Akar, constitute the first breeding records for Sumatra.

#### Malacopteron magnum Rufous-crowned Babbler

Resident in primary and disturbed forests, less common than Scaly-crowned Babbler.

A juvenile bird caught in primary forest is the first breeding record for Sumatra.

## Malacopteron albogulare Grey-breasted Babbler

Near-threatened. Resident in lowland primary forest and possibly also peat swamp forest. Few records, but probably overlooked.

Not being familiar with the voice, the only recods were of four birds netted in lightly logged forest, Gelumpang. One was a juvenile, providing the first evidence of breeding on Sumatra.

### Pomathorins montanus Chestnut-backed Scimitar-babbler

Common resident of primary and disturbed forest up to 1200m.

One bird observed carrying food at Korindo km 30 on 14 July and in the primary foresty on 17 Sept provide the first evidence of breeding on Sumatra. An adult bird jumped around the nest in the lightly logged forest, Gelumpang. Two records of three birds on the transect in primary forest. No previous records in Riau Province.

#### Kenopia striata Striped Wren-babbler

Resident in primary forest below 200 m, but probably overlooked in the eastern lowlands; few record, none of them recent (but see Sumatra Bird Report. In prep).

One and two birds observed at the transect in lightly logged forest, Gelumang. First recent record, new to Jambi Province

#### Napothera macrodactyla Large Wren-babbler

Near-threateaed. Resident in lowland forest, but known definitely only from seven old specimens collected in North Sumatra.

Two birds, most likely a pair since one of them was singing, were seen for three minutes on a slope primary forest, Sungai Akar. The song was recorded and was confirmed by D.A. Holmes (*in litt*.) and S. van Balen (*in litt*). This is the first observation of the species from Riau, and it is the first confirmed record from Sumatra in recent decade

## Stachyris rufifrons Rufous-fronted Babbler

Resident in primary and secondary up to 900 m. Probably with an affinity for bamboo, but few Records.

The species was recorded twice in the lightly logged forest, Sekuyam. where three birds were also mist-netted. These are the first observations from Riau Province.

#### Stachyris moculata Chestnut-rumped Babbler

Common resident of primary and regenerating forests.

An observation of juveniles in primary forest, Sungai Akar. constitute the first breeding record for Sumatra.

## Stachyris leucotis White-necked Babbler

Resident in primary forest up to 800 m. Rare and local

One observation of a single individual on the transect and three birds mist-netted together in the heavily logged forest, Sekuyam. One bird was a juvenile, and constitutes the first breeding record for Sumatra. Not previously recorded in Riau Province.

## Stachyris nigricollis Black-throated Babbler

Presumably uncommon resident in primary and secondary forest.

During the survey the species was recorded at four localities: we found it common in jungle rubber, Pangkalan Kasai and lightly logged forest, Gelumpang, and very common in heavily logged forest, Sekuyam and primary forest, Sungai Akar.

A single bird was mist-netted in Gelumpang. No previous records from Riau Province.

## Stachyris erythroptera Chestnut-winged Babbler

Common resident of primary and tall secondary forest up to 700 m.

An observation of juvenile birds in rubber fallow is the first breeding record from Sumatra.

# Alcippe brunneicauda Brown Fulvetta

Uncommon resident in primary and secondary habitats, found up to 1000 m.

Juveniles caught in lightly logged forest, Sekuyam, provide the first breeding record from Sumatra.

#### Rhinomyias umbratilis Grev-chested Rhinomyias

Resident of primary and secondary forests, mainly in lowland, but only few records.

Two observations of single birds on the transect in primary forest, Sungai Akar. A total of five birds was caught: two, two and one bird in primary, lightly and heavily logged forests, respectively. The species is not previously recorded from Riau Province. There appears to be sympatry between this species and Fulvous-chested Rhinomyias *R olivacea* which was also netted in heavily logged forest and rubber fallow.

#### Eumyias thalassina Verditer Flycatcher

Resident up to over 1000m, especially in the hills (D.A. Holmes pers. Coram.).

One collected in lightly logged forest represents an uncommon lowland record (preserved at the Zoological Museum, Bogor).

#### Cvornis turcosus Malaysian Blue Flycatcher

Near-threatened. Resident along rivers and streams in forests, usually below 100m. The species was uncommon in primary and lightly logged forests and in jungle rubber. One was mist-netted in the primary forest and five m lightly logged forest, where we also observed two juveniles.

# Philentoma pyrhopterum Rufous-winged Philentoma

Resident in forest, secondary growth and plantations, especially in the lowlands.

Few records from the three surveyed forests. A juvenile bird being fed by adults in heavily logged forest is the first record of breeding in Sumatra.

# Rhipidura perlata Spotted Fantail

Resident in primary and old secondary forests up to 1500 m, but only few scattered records.

The species was recorded as uncommon in primary, lightly and heavily logged forests. Three birds were

netted in Sungai Akar, primary forest, once an adult and a juvenile bird together.

#### Prionochilus maculatus Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker

Resident, found in forest habitats and cultivation.

Recorded as uncommon in rubber fallow, lightly and heavily logged forests and common in primary forest. Birds netted in Sungai Akar (3), Gelumpang (3), Sekuyam (2) and Pangkalan Kasai (1). The species has not previously been recorded from Riau Province.

### Prionochilus percussus Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker

Resident in forest habitats and second growth.

Found uncommonly on the transect in rubber fallow, Pangkalan Kasai Mist-netted birds from Gelumpang (2), Sekuyam (4) and Pangkalan Kasai (1). The birds caught in the lightly logged forest were juveniles, and a juvenile bird was observed in the rubber fallow. These are the first breeding records for Sumatra. The species has not previously been recorded from Riau Province.

# Anthreptes simplex Plain Sunbird

Resident in disturbed habitats up to at least 1000 m.

Three observations of single birds at the transects in primary, lightly and heavily logged forests. Two birds netted at both Gelumpang and Sekuyam; at the latter site one of these was a juvenile, constituting the first evidence of breeding from Sumatra. Not previously recorded from Jambi and Riau Provinces.

#### Arachnothera longirostris Little Spiderhunter

Common resident in most habitats up to 2000 m

Juvenile birds caught in primary forest constitute the first breeding records from Sumatra.

#### Lonchura leucogastra White-bellied Munia

Presumably resident but very few authenticated records and status uncertain.

Recorded m jungle rubber where one was netted. There were nine observations, totalling some 32 birds in groups of 2 to 6, in edge habitats (grassland, scrub, bamboo, arable plots).

#### Corvus macrorhynchos Large-billed Crow

Common resident in cultivated areas, but status uncertain.

Eight birds recorded in rubber fallow are presumably the first records from Riau Province.

#### Discussion

Most previous breeding records of Sumatran birds are from January to June (G.W.H. Davison in Marle & Voous 1988), and only few species have been recorded to breed from July to September, which was the period of our survey. However, Davison defined a breeding record as a record of nest-building, nests, eggs, fledglings or young being fed, while most of our breeding records are

based on capture or observations of juvenile birds with yellow/orange sides to the mouth. More work is needed to clarify the seasonality of breeding among Sumatran birds.

## Importance to conservation

All the globally threatened species of birds occurring in Bukit Tigapuluh were recorded in forest habitats only, including the jungle rubber, see Table 2 (Danielsen & Heegaard, 1995 and in prep.). More than three-quarters of the bird species in Bukit Tigapuluh were only recorded in forest and not in plantations or open land habitats. A total of 16% of the bird species was exclusively found in primary, unlogged forest.

Many species of birds are used by the local communities. At least six species of wild birds are used for medicinal or magical/ritual purposes by communities of Malay and Kubu (Maryanto *et al.* 1994). In addition, 23 species taxa of wild birds are used for food.

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Appendix 1. Systematic list of birds occurring in Bukit Tigapuluh, Sumatra Nomenclature follows Andrew (1992).

- P: primary forest, Sungai Akar
- L: lightly logged forest, Gelumpang Kecil
- H: heavily logged forest, Sekuyam
- J : jungle rubber, Pangkalan Kasai
- R: modern rubber plantation, Sibabat Dua
- O: oil palm plantation, Air Molek

<sup>\*</sup> indicates that the species is classified as threatened or near-threatened (Collar et al. 1994).

indicates that the species is a non-breeding migrant to Sumatra (Marle & Voous 1988).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>k</sup> identified by indigenous Kubu people.

Storm's Stork*	Ciconia stormi	P					
Jerdon's Baza*	Aviceda jerdoni	P					
Oriental Honey-buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus			Н			
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus	P					
Crested Serpent-eagle	Spilorms cheela	P	L	Н			
Crested Goshawk	Accipiter trivirgatus		L				
Black-thighed Falconet	Microhierax fringillarius	P	L				
Lesser Whistling-duck	Dendrocygna javanica					R	
White-winged Duck*	Cairina scutulala		L				
Black Partridge*	Melanoperdix nigra		L				
Blue-breasted Quail	Cotumix chinensis						О
Crested Partridge	Rollulus rouloul		L				
Crestless Fireback*	Lophura erythrophtnalma	P	L				
Crested Fireback*"	Lophura ignita		L				
Great Argus	Argusianus argus	P	L	Н			
Barred Button-quail	Tumix suscitator					R	
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus					R	О
Thick-billed Green Pigeon	Treron curvirostra	P		Н			
Little Green Pigeon	Treron olax	P	L	Н			
Pink-necked Green Pigeon	Treron vemans					R	
Jambu Fruit-dove	Ptilinopus jambu	P			J		
Green Imperial Pigeon	Ducula aenea		L				
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis				J	R	0
Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	P		Н	J		
Long-tailed Parakeet	Psittacula longicauda	P	L	Н	J	R	0
Blue-rumped Parrot*	Psittinus cyanurus	P	L	Н	J		
Blue-crowned Hanging-parrot	Loriculus galgulus	P	L	Н	J		
Hodgson's Hawk-cuckoo	Cucvlus fugax		L				
Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis merulirms				J	R	0
Drongo Cuckoo	Surniculus lugubris		L				
Black-bellied Malkoha	Rhopodytes diardi		L				
Chestnut-bellied Malkoha	Rhopodytes sumatranus					R	
Raffles' Malkoha	Rhinortha chlorophaea		L	Н	J		
Red-billed Malkoha	Zanclostomus javanicus	P					
Chestnut-breasted Mallkoha	Rhamphococcyx curvirostris	P					
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis			Н	J	R	
Lesser Coucal	Centropus bengalensis				J	R	0
Reddish Scopsowl	Otus rufescens		L				
Collared Scopsowl	Otus lempiji			Н			

Brown Boobook	Ninox scutulata	P	L	Н	J	R	
Large FrogmoutH*'	Batrachostomus auritus	-		-	J	1	
Malaysian Eared Nightjar	Eurostopodus temminckii	P	L	Н	J	R	
Large-tailed Nightjar	Ceprimulgus macrurus	-		Н	۲	R	
Savanna Nightjar	Caprirmulgus affinis					_	0
Brown-backed Needletail	Hirundapus giganteus			Н	J		
Silver-rumped Swift	Rhaphidura leucopygialis	P	L	Н	۲		
Asian Palm-swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis	_	L	11		R	0
Grey-rumped Tree-swift	Hemiprocne longipennis	P	L	Н		1	0
Whiskered Tree-swift	Hemiprocne comata	P	L	Н			
Diard's Trogon	Harpactes diardii	P	L	Н			
Cnmamoo-rumped Trogon	Harpactes orrhophaeus	P	_				
Scarlet-mmped Trogon	Harpactes duvaucelii	P	L	Н	J		
Bhlue-eared Kingfisher	Alcedo meninting		L	Н		R	
Blue-banded Kingfisher	Alccdo euryzona	P					
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	Ceyx erithacus		L	Н	J		
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis				J		
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis					R	0
Collared Kingfisher	Halcyon chloris				J		
Rufous-collared Kingfisher	Actenoides concretus	P	L	Н			
Red-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis anictus		L	Н	J		
White-crowned Hornbill	Berenicornis comatus		L				
Bushy-crested Hornbill	Anorrhinus galeritus	P	L	Н	J		
Wrinkled Hornbill*	Rhyticeros corrugatus		L	Н	J		
Wreathed Hornbill	Rhyticeroa undulatus	P		Н	J		
Black Hornbill*	Anthracoceros malayanus	P			J		
Rhinoceros Hornbill*	Buceros rhinoceros	P	L	Н			
Helmeted Hornbill	Rhinoplax vigil	P	L	Н			
Gold-whiskered Barbet	Megalaima chrysopogon	P	L	Н	J		
Red-throated Barbet	Megalaima mystacophanos		L	Н			
Yellow-crowned Barbet	Megalaima henricii	P	L	Н	J		
Bhlue-eared Barbet	Megalaima australis	P		Н			
Brown Barbet	Calorhamphus fuliginosus	P		Н	J		
Rufous Piculet	Sasia abnormis	P	L	Н	J	R	
Rufous Woodpecker	Celeus brachyurus	P	L	Н	J		
Checker-throated Yellownape	Picus mentalis			Н			
Crimson-winged Yellownape	Picus puniceus		L	Н			
Banded Woodpecker	Picus miniaceus			Н			

Common Goldenback	Dinopium jcivanense					R	
Olive-backed Woodpecker	Dinopium rafflesii		L	Н			
Buff-rumped Woodpecker	Meiglyptes tristis	P	L	Н	J	R	
Buff-necked Woodpecker	Meiglyptes tukki	P	L	Н	J		
White-bellied Woodpecker	Dryocopus javensis	P		Н			
Brown-capped Woodpecker	Dendrocopus moluccensis					R	
Grey-and-buff Woodpecker	Hemicircus concretus				J		
-Maroon Woodpecker	Bfythipicus rubiginosus	P	L				
Orange-backed Woodpecker	Reinwardtipictis validus	P		Н			
Black-and-red Broadbffl	Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos		L				
Banded Broadbffl	Eurylaimus javanicus	P		Н			
Black-and-yellow Broadbill	Eurylaimus ochromalus	P	L	Н	J	R	
Green Broadbill	Calyptomena viridis	P	L	Н			
Banded Pitta	Pitta guajana			Н			
Garnet Pitta	Pitta granatina	P		Н			
Barn Swallow"	Hirundo rustica				J	R	0
Richard's Pipit	Anthus novaeseelandiae						0
Lesser Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina fimbriata		L				
Fiery Minivet	Pericrocotus ignens					R	
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus		L	Н			
Black-winged Hemipus	Hemipus hirundinaceus		L			R	
Large Wood-shrike	Tephrodornis gularis			Н			
Black-and-white Bulbuf	Pycnonotus melanoleucos	P		Н	J		
Black-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus atriceps	P		Н	J		
Black-crested Bulbul	Pycnonotus melanicterus				J		
Grey-bellied Bulbul	Pycnonotus cyanivenfris	P	L	Н			
Puff-backed Bulbul	Pycnonotus eutilotus		L	Н			
Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus goiavier			Н	J	R	0
Olive-winged Bulbul	Pycnonotus plumosus	P	L	Н	J	R	
Cream-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus simplex	P	L	Н	J		
Red-eyerBulbuT	Pycnonotus brunneus	P	L	Н	J		
Spectacled Bulbul	Pycnonotus erythropthalmos	P	L	Н			
Grey-cheeked Bulbul	Criniger bres			Н	J		
Yellow-bellied Bulbul	Criniger phaeocephalus	P	L	Н	J		
Buff-vented Bulbul	Hypsipetes charlottae		L	Н			
Hairy-backed Bulbul	Hypsipetes Criniger	P	L	Н			
Common Streaked Bulbul	Hypsipetes malaccensis			Н			

Common lora	Aegithina tiphia	P					
Green lora	Aegifhina viridissima	P	L	Н		R	
Greater Green Leafbird	Chloropsis sonnerati			Н			
Lesser Green Leafbird	Chloropsis cyanopogon		L	Н		R	
Blue-winged Leafbird	Chloropsis cochinchinensis	P					
Asian Fairy Bluebird	Irena puella	P	L	Н	J		
Brown Shrike"	Lanius cristatus	P			J		
Siberian Blue Robin""	Luscinia cyane				J		
Oriental Magpie-robin'	Copsychus saularis					R	0
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus	P	L	Н	J	R	
Rufous-tailed Shama	Copsychus pyrropygus					R	
White-crowned Forktail	Enicurus leschenaulli	P	L				
Chestnut-capped Thrush	Zoothera interpres				J		
Rail Babbler	Eupetes macrocerus	P					
Black-capped Babbler	Pellorneum capistratum	P	L	Н	J		
Buttikofer's Babbler	Trichastoma buettikoferi	P	L	Н			
Short-tailed Babbler	Trichastoma malaccense	P	L	Н	J		
White-chested Babbler*	Trichastoma rostratum		L				
Ferruginous Babbler*	Trichastoma bicolor	P	L		J		
Moustached Babbler	Malacopteron mqgnirostre	P	L	Н			
Sooty-capped Babbler	Malacopteron affine		L				
Scaly-crowned Babbler	Malacopteron cinereum	P	L	Н	J		
Rufous-crowned Babbler	Malacopteron magnum	P	L	Н			
Grey-breasted Babbler*	Malacopteron albogulare		L				
Chestnut-backed Scimitar-babbler	Pomatorhinus montanus	P	L				
Striped Wren-babbler	Kenopia striata		L				
Large Wren-babbler*	Napothera macrodactyla	P					
Rufous-fronted Babbler	Stachyris rufifrons			Н			
Grey-headed Babbler	Stachyris poliocephala	P	L	Н	J		
Chestnut-rumped Babbler	Stachyris maculata	P	L	Н	J		
White-necked Babbler	Stachyris leucotis			Н			
Black-throated Babbler	Stachyris mgncollis	P	L	Н	J		
Chestnut-winged Babbler	Stachyris erythroptera	P	L	Н	J		
Striped Tit-babbler	Macronous gularis	P	L	Н	J	R	0
Fluffy-backed Tit-babbler	Macronous ptilosus	P	L	Н	J		
Brown Fulvetta	Alcippe brunneicauda	P	L	Н			
Bar-winged Prinia	Prinia familiaris					R	0
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris		L			R	0

Dark-necked Tailorbird	Orthotomus atrogularis		L	Н			
Rufous-tafled Tailorbird	Orthotomus sericeus		L		J	R	0
Ashy Tailorbird	Orthotomus ruficeps		L		J	R	0
Fulvous-cheated Rhinomyias	Rhinomyias olivacea			Н	J		
Grey-chested Rhinomyias	Rhinomyias umbratilis	P	L	Н			
Verditer Fiveateher .	Eumyias thalassina		L				
Malaysian Blue Flycatcher*	Cyornis turcosus	P	L		J		
Rufous-winged Philentoma	Philentoma pyrhopterum	P	L	Н			
Maroon-breasted Philentoma	Philentoma velatum	P					
Black-naped Monarch	Hvpothvmis azurea	P	L	Н	J		
Asian Paradise-flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi	P	L	Н	J		
Pied Fantail	Rhipidura javanica						0
Spotted Fantail	Rhipidura perlata	P	L	Н			
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis			Н			
Yellow-breasted Flowerpeeker	Prionochilus maculatus	P	L	Н	J		
Crimson-breasted Flowerpeeker	Prionochilus percussus		L	Н	J	R	
,-Buff-bellied Flowerpeeker	Dicaeum ignipectus				J		
Scarlet-backed Flowerpeeker	Dicaeum cruentatum				J		
Plain Sunbird	Anthreptes simplex	P	L	Н			
Brown-throated Sunbird	Anthreptes malacensis		L		J		
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	Anthreptes singalensis	P	L	Н		R	
Purple-naped Sunbird	Hypoframma hypogrammicum	P	L	Н	J		
Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja				J		
Little Spiderhunter	Arachnothera longirostra	P	L	Н	J	R	
Spectacled Spiderhunter	Arachnothera flavieaster			Н			
Yellow-eared Spiderhunter	Arachnothera chrysogenys	P					
Grey-breasted Spiderhunter	Arachnothera affinis	P		Н	J		
White-rumped Munia	Lonchura striata	P	L	Н	J	R	0
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata						0
White-bellied Munia	Lonchura leucogastra				J		
White-headed Munia	Lonchura maja						0
Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus						0
HfflMyna	Gracula religiosa	P	L		J	R	
Dark-throated Oriole	Oriolus xanthonotus	P	L	Н	J		
Black-nap ed Oriole	Oriolus chinensis				J	R	
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus	P	L	Н			
Greater Racquet-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	P	L	Н	J	R	
White-breasted Wood-swallow	Artamus leucorhynchus						0
Crested Jay	Platylophus galericulatus	P					
Slender-billed Crow	Corvus enca	P	L	Н		R	0
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos				J		