

## Petchburi Birdwatching Trip: Seacoasts and inland forest

23–26 November 2009 (4 days)

Petchburi boasts the highest number of bird species in any province of Thailand, with 550 species or 55% of bird species in the country, on record. The province maintains varieties of habitat from mudflat of the Inner Gulf of Thailand in the east, saltpan, freshwater wetlands, rice fields and farmlands, to rainforest and mountain up to 1,500 metre above msl. on Thailand-Myanmar borders in the west. It is also well known for an annual migratory raptor watch in September and October with Radar Hill as a prime counting site and Bangchak field as a resting site of no less than 8 species.

### Tour Programme

Date & Time	Activities
<b>Monday</b> <i>23 Nov. 09</i>	Check out from Bang Pu at 6.00 am.
Morning	Drive to Pak Tale and Laem Phak Bia in Petchburi Province about 100 km. south of Bangkok, a winter site of migratory birds on the East Asia Australasian Flyway Among he specialties for which we will be searching are Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Stints (Red-necked, Long-toed, Temminck's), Plovers (Malaysian, White-faced & others), Red-necked Phalarope, Pied Avocet, Terns (Little, Caspian, Great Crested, Lesser Crested), Chinese Egret and Pallas's Gull.
Afternoon	Move to rice fields and freshwater wetland for farmland birds The specialties for which we would be searching include Weavers (Asian Golden, Baya & Streaked), Plain-backed Sparrow, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Painted Stork, Asian Openbill and Bronze-winged Jacana.
Evening	Move to Kaeng Krachan National Park, the largest NP in Thailand, with no less than 350 bird species on record. Check in at Kaeng Krachan Country Club Resort for 3 nights stay.
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>24 Nov. 09,</i> <b>Wednesday</b> <i>25 Nov. 09,</i>	Wake up at 5.00 am. Breakfast and then bird watching all day in Kaeng Krachan NP with packed lunch Some of the specialties for which we'll be searching are Kalij Pheasant, Grey Peacock Pheasant, Rusty-cheeked and Great Hornbills, Blue-bearded & Red-bearded Bee-eaters, Orange-breasted & Red-headed Trogons, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Sultan Tit, , barbets (Blue-eared, Blue-throated, Green-eared & Great), broadbills (Silver-breasted, Black-and-Yellow, Black-and-Red, Dusky and Long-tailed), Ratchet-tailed Treepie, White-hooded Babbler and Black-eared Shrike Babbler among a great range of others.
<b>Thursday</b> <i>26 Nov. 09</i>	Wake up at 5.30 am. Check-out.
Morning	Breakfast and birding around Kaeng Krachan NP to search for species that we may have missed till noon.
Afternoon	After lunch, head back to Bangkok and birding on the way. We may make some roadside stops to see other birds of interest along the way
Evening	Check in the hotel. Dinner.

### Tour cost

450 USD per person, which includes all accommodations during the trip - 4 nights double-occupancy hotel rooms, all meals and drinking water, fees for bird leaders, National Park fees and permits, insurance, and tips for driver and hotel staffs.