

» THE PHILIPPINES...

The Philippines is an island archipelago located in South East Asia, south of Taiwan and Hong Kong, and has one of the world's highest levels of endemism when it comes to birds. It is a popular birding destination and boasts an impressive 600 plus bird list with around 200 species of endemic birds. A wide variety of habitats supports

the country's rich bird life: montane mossy and lowland tropical forests support most of the endemics while freshwater marshes and coastal flats harbor migrants and resident waterbirds. Numerous uninhabited islands provide food and shelter for pelagic birds while the urban greenery of major cities supports garden variety birds.

Some of the most sought-after birds in the Philippines include the majestic Great Philippine Eagle, the colorful Wattled Broadbill, the spectacular Steere's Pitta, Blue-capped and Spotted Wood Kingfishers, the endemic family of creepers - Rhabdornis and an assortment of fruit-doves, tailorbirds and shamas.

Birding in the Philippines involves visiting the three major bird areas hosting the majority of the endemics: the islands of Luzon, Mindanao and Palawan. Extension tours to the Visayan Islands in the central Philippines can increase the number of Philippine endemics to your lifelist. Being an island archipelago, the logistics are quite complex, but a good network of airports, seaports and roads connects all major birding destinations. English is widely spoken all throughout the country and we Filipinos are world-renowned for our hospitality, making us a prime destination for foreign birdwatchers.

Hope to see you birding in our beautiful islands!



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to go birding today?*

Birding Adventure Philippines is a full service birding tourism company founded in 2006. Owned and operated by an all-Filipino team, Birding Adventure Philippines can provide you with the best birdwatching experience in the Philippines!

We are headed by Nicky Icarangal, the premier Filipino bird guide with extensive experience in leading tours in the Philippines for private individuals and groups as well as for tour operators such as Kingbird Tours, Tropical Birding and Tim Fisher's tours. Working with him are the more experienced birders of the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WBCP).

Birding Adventure Philippines takes pride in its extensive knowledge of the local birding sites and bird species which is second to none among its peers. The tours are organized by local birders with a birdwatcher's interest in mind – seeing the most and the best of the Philippines. Since the guides themselves are the company owners, you are assured of personalized service with the aim of going the extra mile to ensure a great adventure at the least possible cost.

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The Philippines' Top Birding Destinations

➤ LUZON



Spotted Wood Kingfisher

Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve

This is an excellent site for introductory birding in the Philippines due to its close proximity to the capital city Manila. It features lowland endemics such as Spotted Wood Kingfisher, White-browed Shama, Grey-backed Tailorbird and many more.

Ideal time in the field: 2 days

Candaba Wetlands

One of largest freshwater marshes can be found in this excellent site an hour away from Manila. The marsh features migratory ducks and waterfowl and the endemic Philippine Duck.

Ideal time in the field: 1/2 day



Philippine Duck



Gualabero

Subic Bay Freeport Zone

This former American Naval base situated north-west of Manila has vast lowland forests featuring several kinds of woodpeckers, parrots and hornbills. Specialties here are Green Racquet-tail, Rufous Coucal, Philippine Tailorbird and Sooty Woodpecker.

Ideal time in the field: 2 days

600+ species of birds

Mt. Polis and Banaue

Mt. Polis is home to Luzon's montane forest and features high elevation birds such as Flame-breasted Fruit-dove, Whiskered Pitta, Flame-crowned Flowerpecker and Luzon Water-Redstart. It is also the site for the world-famous Banaue Rice Terraces.

Ideal time in the field: 2 days



Luzon Water Redstart

➤ MINDANAO

Mt. Kitanglad Mountain Range

Mt. Kitanglad in Bukidnon features extensive montane forests and is the most reliable site for the Great Philippine Eagle. High elevation Mindanao birds are the specialty here such as the localized Red-eared Parrotfinch, Cinnamon Ibon, funky-looking Apo Myna, Black and Cinnamon Fantail and many more.

Ideal time in the field: 4 days



Cinnamon Ibon



Apo Myna



Philippine Frogmouth



Steere's Pitta



Red-eared Parrotfinch



PICOP, Bislig

PICOP is a former logging concession in the eastern part of the island and is the best place to observe Mindanao lowland birds. Though much of the forest is fast disappearing, it still holds endemics such as the stunning Celestial and Short-crested Monarchs, Blue-capped and Rufous-lored Kingfishers, Steere's Pitta, several fruit-doves and imperial pigeons, Writhed, Tarictic and Rufous Hornbills.

Ideal time in the field: 4 days



Blue-capped Wood Kingfisher

➤ PALAWAN

Puerto Princesa Underground Park

The island of Palawan is probably the best site in the Philippines when it comes to accessibility and ease of birding. It features birdlife similar to mainland Asia but the island also hosts several endemics such as the Palawan Hornbill, Palawan Peacock Pheasant, Yellow-throated Leafbird, the skulking Falcated Ground Babbler and many more.

Ideal time in the field: 5-6 days



Rufous Hornbill



Palawan Peacock Pheasant



Mananani Scops Owl



more than 200 endemics

Philippine Cockatoo



➤ OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Though the main focus of each tour are the birds, Birding Adventure Philippines' tours specializes also on other things: other wildlife such as mammals, butterflies, herps and dragonflies, local culture, food and other outdoor activities such as river rafting, kayaking and spelunking. From the mountains to rivers and seas, we can arrange other adventure trips for you. Just advise us ahead of time and we'll try to fit in other activities in your birding holiday.



Philippine Tarsier



Mangrove Snake



Birdwing Butterfly