



UM BIG YEAR

2015
A RIMBA Project



Big Year in UM

University of Malaya has a diversity of wildlife preserved inside its grounds. From the edge of Rimba Ilmu to the rooftops of urban infrastructure, a lot of activity can be observed. The big year is one of the steps in UM to observe, act and conserve wildlife in University. The Big Year starts from second Semester of 2014-2015 session and will last until December. Any Staff, student can participate in this fun hobbyist activity.

More of a Guided Journey

To assist the participants, RIMBA has gathered some helpful material from across the literature and world wide web. These resources include a checklist, bird identification basics to get new birders to get started

Bird Checklist

–Raptors

- Black Baza
- Oriental Honey-Buzzard
- Brahminy Kite
- Crested Serpent-Eagle
- Japanese Sparrowhawk
- Grey-faced Buzzard
- Changeable Hawk-Eagle
- Crested Goshawk
- Collared Scops-Owl

–Mynas and Starlings

- Common Myna
- Jungle Myna
- Asian Glossy Starling
- Purple-backed Starling
- Javan Myna

–Waterbirds

- Little Heron
- Cinnamon Bittern
- Slaty-breasted Rail
- White-breasted Waterhen
- Common Sandpiper
- Pintail Snipe
- Little Ringed Plover
- Schrenck's Bittern

–Finches/Sparrows/robins etc

- Eurasian Tree-Sparrow
- Baya Weaver
- Scaly-breasted Munia
- Grey Wagtail
- Yellow Wagtail
- [Oriental] Magpie Robin

- Siberian Blue Robin
- Asian Brown Flycatcher
- Yellow-rumped Flycatcher
- Richard's Pipit
- Dark-necked Tailorbird
- Common Tailorbird
- Arctic Warbler
- Flyeater

–Swifts and Swallows

- White-bellied Swiftlet
- House Swift
- Fork-tailed Swift
- Asian Palm-Swift
- Grey-rumped Treeswift
- Barn Swallow
- Pacific Swallow

–Doves and Pigeons

- Spotted Dove
- Zebra Dove
- Common Emerald Dove
- Pink-necked [Green] Pigeon

–Kingfishers Bee-eaters

- White-throated Kingfisher
- Common Kingfisher
- Black-capped Kingfisher
- Blue-tailed Bee-eater
- Blue-throated Bee-eater

– Sunbirds Flowerpeckers spider hunters

- Brown-throated Sunbird
- Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker
- Little Spiderhunter
- Spectacled Spiderhunter

–Bulbuls Babblers Prinias

- Red-whiskered Bulbul
- Spectacled Bulbul
- Yellow-vented Bulbul
- Olive-winged Bulbul
- Straw-headed Bulbul
- Abbott's Babbler
- [Chinese] Hwamei
- [Malaysian] Pied Fantail
- Yellow-bellied Prinia
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–Fowls Nightjars

- Red Junglefowl
- Barred Buttonquail
- Large-tailed Nightjar

–Others

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–Barbets Woodpeckers Orioles

- Coppersmith Barbet
- Common Flameback
- Laced Woodpecker
- Rufous Woodpecker
- Banded Woodpecker
- Crimson-winged Woodpecker
- Blue-winged Pitta
- Dollarbird
- Black-naped Oriole
- Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot
- Common Iora

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–Crows Shrikes Drongos

- House Crow
- Large-billed Crow
- Tiger Shrike
- Brown Shrike
- Plaintive Cuckoo
- Lesser Coucal
- Greater Racket-tailed Drongo
- Common Koel
- Greater Coucal
- Pied Triller

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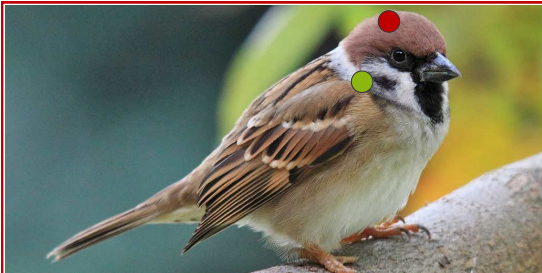
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Oriental Magpie Robin (23cm)

- Iridescent Black Plumage
- White Wing Bar



Eurasian Tree Sparrow (15cm)

- Chestnut Crown
- Black Spot on ear covert



Black-naped Oriole (27cm)

- Broad black eye-line and nape
- Bright Yellow Plumage



Zebra Dove (21cm)

- Dark grey bill portion
- Dark brown barred underparts



Pink-necked Green Pigeon (25cm)

- Grey head
- Purplish pink neck and upper breast



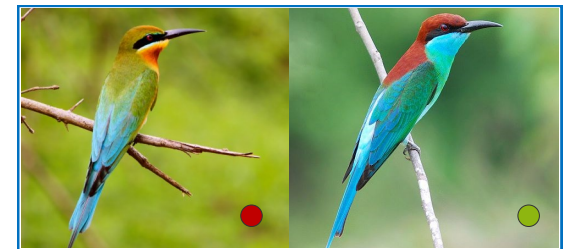
Olive-backed sunbird (11cm)

- Yellow underparts
- Dark iridescent blue face and underbelly, curvy beak



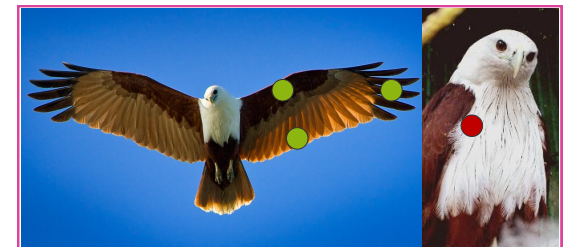
Mynas and Starlings

- **Common Myna (25cm):** Yellow patch behind eye, black head and brown plumage
- **Jungle Myna (24cm):** Bluish fringe on lower beak, has small tuft.
- **Crested Myna (26cm):** Very prominent tuft, orange eyes, ivory beak, pink legs
- **White-vented Myna (26cm):** prominent tuft, brown iris in eyes, yellow beak
- **Purple-backed Starling (19cm):** Metallic purple back, patch on nape. Migratory
- **Asian Glossy Starling (20cm):** red iris, iridescent black



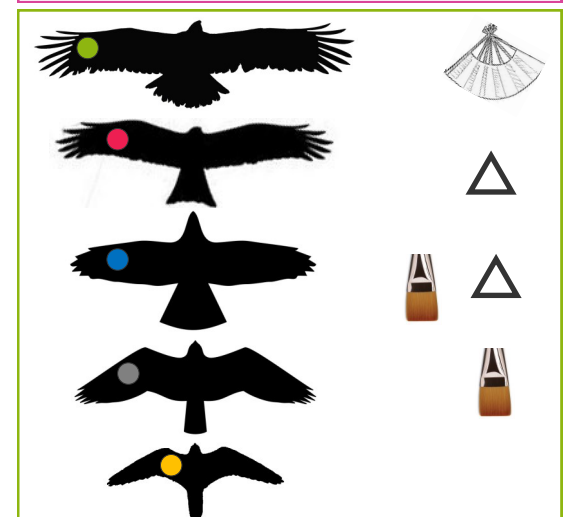
Bee-eaters (28-30cm)

- **Blue-tailed Bee-eater (30cm):** blue tail, yellowish brown throat
- **Blue-throated Bee-eater (28cm):** blue throat, brown head



Brahminy Kite (43-51cm)

- Head, Breast and neck are white
- Chestnut wing coverts, blackish wingtips, rufous flying feathers



General Raptor ID Silhouettes

Tail Shape

- Eagle
- Kite
- Buzzard
- Osprey
- Falcon

- Fanshape
- V or triangle
- Brush to triangle
- Brush
- Rounded pointy