

Your guide to birding

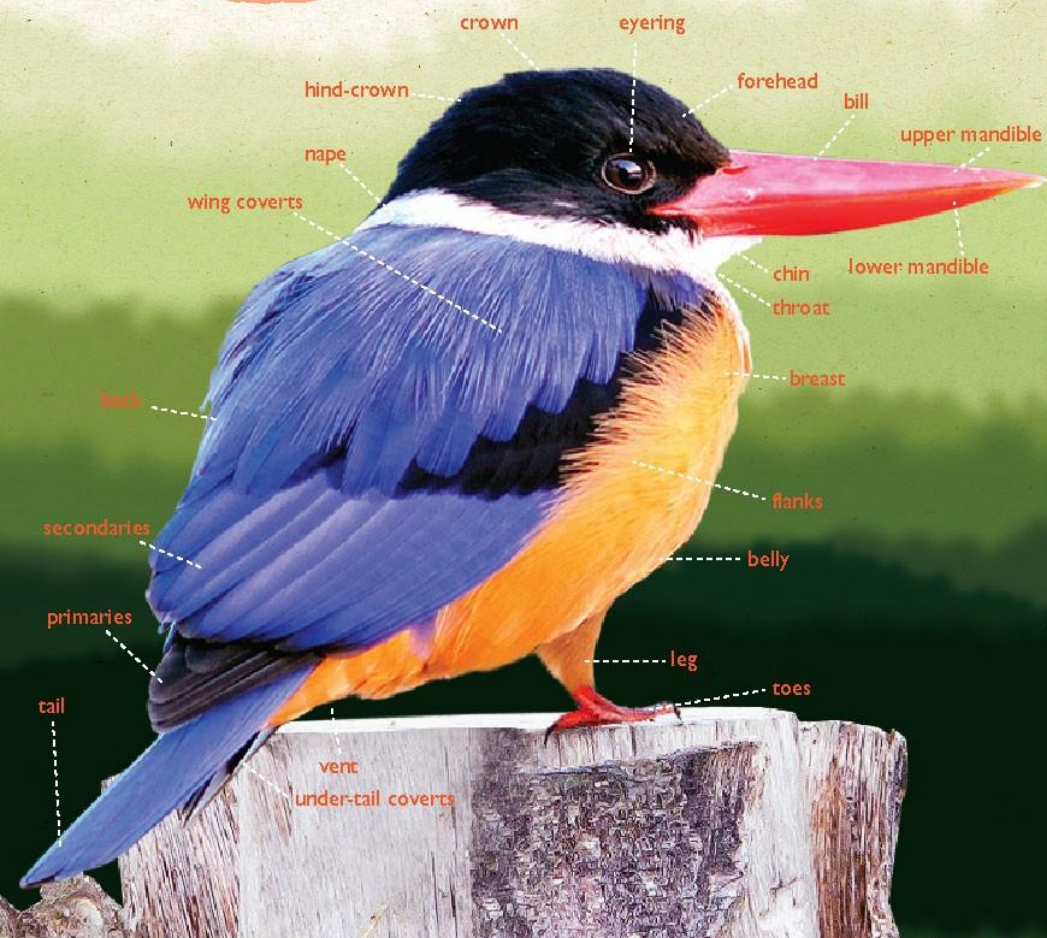
Take nothing but Pictures. Leave nothing but Footprints

What to bring

- Binoculars
- Illustrated Field Guide
- Notebook
- Pencil / Pen
- Digital Camera
- Water & Snacks
- A Travel Sized First Aid Kit

What to wear

- A Hat
- Comfortable Clothing
- Sunglasses
- Hiking Boots
- Sunblock
- Bug Spray



When best to go Birding in Penang

• Resident Birds: All year round • Migrant Birds: September – March

Types of Habitats



Migrant Birds

- Penang Hill (Hill Forest)**
- Grey-faced Buzzard *Buteo indicus*
 - Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*
- Penang Botanic Gardens (Lowland Forest)**
- Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*
- Penang National Park (Lowland Forest)**
- Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*
 - Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

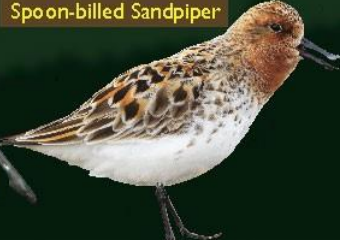
- Sungai Burung (Paddy Field / Mangrove Forest)**
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
 - Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
 - Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

- Teluk Air Tawar (Mangrove Forest / Wetland)**
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
 - Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*
 - Brown-headed Gull *Larus burnicephalus*
 - Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurythynchus pymaeus*
 - Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*

- Air Hitam Dalam Education Forest (Wetland)**
- Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
 - Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

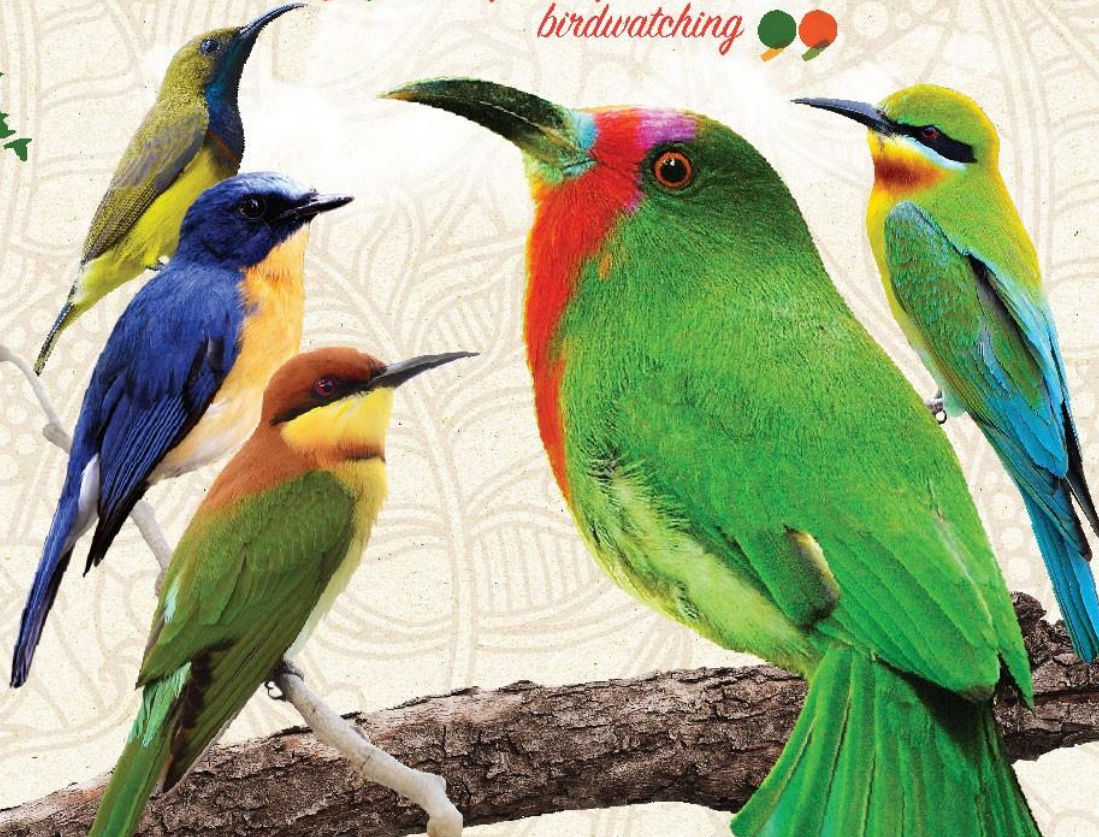
- Bukit Juru Forest Reserve (Lowland Forest)**
- Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
 - Oriental Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

- Bukit Mertajam Amenity Forest (Lowland Forest)**
- Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*



Birdwatching in Penang

Expand your wings & explore the world of birdwatching



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Birdwatching in Penang

Located on the northwest coast of Peninsular Malaysia by the Straits of Malacca, Penang is home to an estimated 420 species of birds including rare bird species as well. Penang Island and its mainland, Seberang Perai is known for its abundant variety of bird species, making it an avian paradise for beginner and experienced bird watchers alike. Some of the diverse birds include lowland forests, mangrove forests, tidal mudflats, wetlands and paddy fields. There is also a diverse range of bird species found throughout Penang such as eagles, owls, song birds, waders and water birds, which include resident and migrant birds as well. Penang truly is a destination for birding enthusiasts and visitors who enjoy Penang's rich bird life. So what are you waiting for? Grab your binoculars and let the birding begin!

Do's

- STUDY**
 Study bird sounds; listen to the call of the birds, their features, colours, habits and habitats.
- LOOK**
 Keep your eyes open, it can be hard to see in the forest so keep an eye out for movement in the trees.
- BRING**
 Hang on to your binoculars at all times and keep hydrated, go birding with friends, always notify your next of kin, hire a guide if you're afraid of getting lost.
- IDENTIFY**
 Identify the birds you come across and log them in your notebook, use your illustrated bird field guide to identify if necessary.
- CREATE**
 Make sure you create a log in your notebook of the days birding trip, with sketches of birds new to you and also birds you could not identify and other observations. The sketches will later be useful in identifying birds unfamiliar to you.
- OBSERVE**
 Observe in silence, be quiet and don't make any sudden moves when watching birds in the wild, this can scare them away.
- CONSIDER**
 Be considerate at all times, especially when using flash photography, do not use a powerful flash and keep away from birds that appear to be nesting.

Don't's

- Do not disturb the birds
- Do not throw anything at the birds
- Do not go near nesting birds
- Do not feed birds in the wild
- Do not litter
- Do not use playbacks (playing a recording of a bird's song) too often to attract birds





Grey-bellied Bulbul
Pycnonotus cyaniventris

Olive-backed Sunbird
Cinnyris jugularis

Barn Owl
Tyto alba

Green Iora
Aegithina virens

Green Broadbill
Calyptomena viridis

Banded Broadbill
Eurylaimus javanicus

Brahminy Kite
Haliaeetus indus

Moustached Hawk-cuckoo
Hierococcyx vagans

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater
Merops lescherpaulti

Red-bearded Bee-eater
Myctophis amictus

Asian Koel
Eudynamis scolopacea

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker
Prionochilus maculatus

Collared Kingfisher
Todiramphus chloris

White-bellied Sea Eagle
Haliaeetus leucogaster

Penang Botanic Gardens
(Lowland Forest)

Teluk Air Tawar
(Mangrove Forest/Wetland)

Air Hitam Dalam Education Forest
(Wetland)

Tasek Gelugor

Plaintive Cuckoo
Cacomantis merulinus

Stork-billed Kingfisher
Pelargopsis/Halcyon capensis

Japanese Sparrowhawk
Accipiter gularis

Crimson Sunbird
Aethopyga siparaja

Sungai Burung
(Paddy Field/Mangrove Forest)

Penang Hill
(Hill Forest)

Bukit Juru Forest Reserve
(Lowland Forest)

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Simpang Ampat

Bukit Panchor State Park
(Lowland Forest / Wetland)

Bayan Lepas

Byram
(Pulau Burung / Wetland / Mangrove Forest)

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Nibong Tebal

A Paradise of Birds

Graced with nature's bounty and beauty, Penang truly is a sanctuary to our lovely feathered friends.



Black-and-yellow Broadbill
Eurylaimus ochromalus

Blue-tailed Bee-eater
Merops philippinus

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
Cyanus tickelliae

Chinese Egret/Swinhoe's Egret
Egretta eulophotes

Lesser Whistling Duck
Dendrocygna javanica

Brown-headed Gull
Chroicocephalus buriniceps

Little Heron
Butorides striatus

Changeable Hawk-eagle
Nisaetus cirrhatas

Mangrove Pitta
Pitta megarhynchos

Black-capped Kingfisher
Halcyon pileata

Little Egret
Egretta garzetta

Bat Hawk
Macheiramphus alcinus

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Halcyon pileata

Lesser Adjutant
Leptoptilos javanicus

Ruddy Turnstone
Arenaria interpres

Greater Painted-Snipe
Rostratula benghalensis

Asian Dowitcher
Limnodromus semipalmatus

Spotted Greenshank / Nordmann's Greenshank
Tringa guttifer

Red-wattled Lapwing
Vanelus indicus

White-breasted Waterhen
Amaurornis phoeniceus

Great Argus
Argusianus argus

Crested Serpent Eagle
Spilornis cheela

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