**Notable sightings of rare birds in Sabah**

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| **Name / (number of birds)** | **Place and date** | **Observers** | **Link/source** |
| **April 2014** to **June 2014** - no notable sightings in Sabah. | -- | -- | **April 2014** to **June 2014** - no notable sightings in Sabah. |
| **July 2014** |  |  |  |
| **Malaysian Plover *(Charadrius peronii)*** chick sighted, indicating successful breeding in Lok Kawi | 9th September 2014, Lok Kawi Beach. | Eugene Cheah. | Image seen, please contact finder for further details. |
| **Spectacled Flowerpecker**  ***(Dicaeum sp.)***(2 birds, sexes unknown in Maliau Basin and 1 bird in Brunei) | 16th September 2014, Maliau Basin, Sabah.  (Asmali Asli of Brunei also took photo of one on 31st Augist 2014 at Labi Road, see link) | Vun Soo Kiong, Alven Chang | <http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/spectacled_flowerpecker/7145#navigation>  <http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/spectacled_flowerpecker/7128#navigation>  <http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/spectacled_flowerpecker/7085#navigation> |
| **August 2014**- no notable sightings in Sabah. |  |  | **August 2014**- no notable sightings in Sabah. |
| September 2014 |  |  |  |
| **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *(Clamator coromandus)*** (1 bird in Tawau and 1 bird in Kota Belud) | Tawau, and  Kota Belud- end of September 2014 | **[Subki Abdul Hadi](https://www.facebook.com/subki.abdulhadi?fref=ufi)**, **[Ambo Sakka Mappeasse](https://www.facebook.com/Ambo.S.M?fref=nf)** | <http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/chestnut-winged_cuckoo/7107#navigation> |
| **Brown Booby (Sula leucogaster),Red-footed Booby (Sula sula),****Black-crowned Night-Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax) Osprey (Pandion haliaetus),Gray-faced Buzzard (Butastur indicus), Japanese Sparrowhawk (Accipiter gularis),****White-breasted Waterhen (Amaurornis phoenicurus),** **Short-eared Owl (Asio flammeus), Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica), Gray Wagtail (Motacilla cinerea)** | Labuan offshore, Sabah, Malaysia. 1st September 2014. Link to map is available on the ebird link. | **Vasco Valadares** | <http://ebird.org/ebird/portugal/view/checklist?subID=S24252385>  Remarks:   1. The images are presumed to have been taken on an oil rig off the west coast of Sabah. 2. The image of White-breasted Waterhen is significant as it confirms the migrant status of this species as stated in Smythis’s Bird of Borneo, and 3. This is the only recent record of Short-eared Owl near Borneo. |
| **October 2014** |  |  |  |
| **Red-necked Phalarope *(Phalaropus lobatus)* (3)** | 12th October 2014, Likas, Sabah, and went on to stay for a few days. | **[Zaim Hazim](https://www.facebook.com/Xegorath?fref=nf)**  **, Nazrul Mas, [Karim Madoya](https://www.facebook.com/karim.madoya?fref=ufi), [Jasnnie Mark Jainol](https://www.facebook.com/SlaveOptics?fref=ufi) , Winston Putin, Alphonsous Loinsang, Victor Luke Petrus** | **http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/red-necked\_phalarope/7106#navigation** |
| **Grey-headed Lapwing *(Vanellus cinereus)* (1)** | 18th October 2014, Tinagat, Tawau Sabah | **[Kok On Ku](https://www.facebook.com/kokon.ku)** | Image seen, please contact finder for further details. |
| **Japanese Sparrow Hawk *(Accipiter gularis)* (1 female)** | 18th October 2014, Tinagat, Tawau, Sabah | **Kong Ket Leong, [Kok On Ku](https://www.facebook.com/kokon.ku)** **, [Wong Tsu Shi](https://www.facebook.com/wong.t.shi?fref=ufi)** | **<http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/japanese_sparrowhawk/7181#navigation>** |
| **Rusty-rumped Warbler *(Locustella certhiola)*** | Penampang, Sabah | **[Dave Bakewell](https://www.facebook.com/dave.bakewell.1)** **, [Jonathan Soon](https://www.facebook.com/jonathanscv?fref=nf)** | Seen notes in FB posting, please contact finders for further details |
| **Sanderling *(Calidris alba)* (1)** | Tanjung Aru, 31st October 2014 | **[Ck Leong](https://www.facebook.com/ck.leong.16906?fref=ufi)** | Seen notes in FB posting, please contact finders for further details |
| **November 2014** |  |  |  |
| **Black-capped Kingfisher *(Halcyon pileata)* (1)** | Tempasuk 5th November 2014 and Tuaran 13 October 2014 | **[Ck Leong](https://www.facebook.com/ck.leong.16906?fref=ufi) , [Martin Wiles](https://www.facebook.com/martin.wiles.10?fref=ufi)** | Seen notes in FB posting, please contact finders for further details |
| **Northern Pintail *(Anas acuta)* (3 female) and Garganey *(Anas querquedula)* (2) Eurasian Wigeon *(Anas penelope)* (1 Female), Northern Shoveler *(Anas clypeata)* ( 1 eclipse male or Female)** | Tuaran, 7th November 2014 Stay until 17th November. Garganeys and Northern Pintails and Shoveler sighted on 4th December. | **[Azahari Reyes](https://www.facebook.com/azahari.jason), [Ck Leong](https://www.facebook.com/ck.leong.16906?fref=ufi) ,['Gary Albert'](https://www.facebook.com/guideborneo?fref=ufi) , [Karim Madoya](https://www.facebook.com/karim.madoya?fref=ufi) , Jordon Sitorus, Jerome Robles, [Jasnnie Mark Jainol](https://www.facebook.com/SlaveOptics?fref=ufi) , Kelvin Chung** | **[https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152785022592319&set= a.10152785020362319.1073741845.696867318&type=1&theater](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10152785022592319&set=a.10152785020362319.1073741845.696867318&type=1&theater)** |
| **Fairy Pitta *(Pitta nympha)* (1)** | BRL, Danum Valley 14 November 2014 | **[Ryan Wahtog](https://www.facebook.com/ryan.wahtog?fref=photo), Jerry John** | In contrast to common conception that this species has not been positively confirmed in Sabah. Andrew Siani and Denis Ikon claimed to have seen one in Sukau in 2000, Chris Kehoe and Wangkong Intal also claimed to have seen one in Jacuzzi Fall area in Danum Valley. Please liaise with them if you need further info.  **http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/fairy\_pitta/7179#navigation** |
| **Black-capped Kingfisher (Halcyon pileata) (1)** | Agathis Camp, Maliau Basin. 19th November 2014 | **[Ryan Wahtog](https://www.facebook.com/ryan.wahtog?fref=photo)** | Please contact finders for further details |
| **Siberian Rubythroat (*Luscinia calliope)*  (4** males**)** | Lankayan island, 22nd November 2014 | **[Zinlee Joseph](https://www.facebook.com/zinlee.joseph)** | [https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=944849512194696&set= a.101201749892814.2863.100000089696185&type=1&theater](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=944849512194696&set=a.101201749892814.2863.100000089696185&type=1&theater) |
| **December 2014** |  |  |  |
| **Northern Pintail *(Anas acuta)* (3) male,** apparently just arrived. | Tuaran, same pond as the other migratory ducks were located on 7th November 2014 (see above). Early January 2015 also saw about ten Northern Pintails both Male and female there. | **[Azahari Reyes](https://www.facebook.com/azahari.jason), [Mohammad Jerome Robles](https://www.facebook.com/mohammadjerome.robles)** **, Alven Chang,** | Image seen, please contact finders for further details |
| **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *(Clamator coromandus)* (1)** | Likas Wetlands, 3th December 2014 | **Stanley T Shao** | **<http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/chestnut-winged_cuckoo/7180#navigation>** |
| **Sunda Teal *(Anas gibberifrons)*(2)** | Tinagat, Tawau 20th and 21st December 2014 | **Stanley T Shao, Kong Ket Leong** | **<http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/sunda_teal/7199#navigation>**  **<http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/sunda_teal/7205#navigation>** |
| **European Starling *(Sturnus vulgaris )* (1)** | Tinagat, Tawau, 21st December 2014 | **Stanley T Shao** | **<http://www.borneobirdimages.com/bird/european_starling/7200#navigation>** |