



Brunei also offers relative ease of access to birdwatching sites thanks to the short distance from the capital to Temburong, Tutong and Belait districts in addition to having excellent road conditions, making it convenient for birdwatchers to travel from one site to another.

The Brunei rainforest acts as a common stop to a slew of migratory birds due to its strategic location, resulting in a high concentration of bird species passing through Brunei during certain times of the year. This provides ample opportunities for birdwatchers to observe a diverse range of birds in one place, making Brunei a treasure trove for avid birdwatchers.

Borneo is home to over 700 bird species, many of which are found in Brunei. Around 60 species are endemic to Borneo, with up to 10 of these can be found in the country. Overall, Brunei is home to about 450 species in an area of 5,765 square km (4.5% of all birds in the world). Here you'll find an array of hornbills, barbets, babblers, sunbirds, spiderhunters, leafbirds, trogons and charming waders such as the Marsh Sandpiper and Long-Toed Stint.

Located on the northern coast of Borneo island in Southeast Asia, Brunei serves as an excellent location for birdwatching due to its rich biodiversity, pristine rainforests and abundance of food supply for the birds.

WHY BRUNEI?

AREA SIZE
The country comprises of two parts totaling 5,765 sq km, divided into four districts: Brunei-Muara, Tutong, and Belait in the west, and Temburong in the east, which is less populated.

CAPITAL
Bandar Seri Begawan (BSB)

CLIMATE
A hot tropical climate with high humidity and rainfall. Rainfall occurs throughout the year but is heaviest between September and December. Temperatures range from 25-32 °C and average humidity is 79%.

POPULATION
The country's population of about 400,000 comprises 67% Malays, 15% Chinese, 6% tribes indigenous to Borneo and 12% others.

LANGUAGE
Bahasa Melayu (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken.

CURRENCY
Brunei Dollar (B\$) is on par with the Singapore Dollar that is also accepted as equivalent exchange.

ACCOMMODATION
Brunei has a wide range of accommodation at competitive rates. International standard, mid-range, budget hotels and youth centres are all available.

BRUNEI IN BRIEF



BIRDING TIPS

- ✓ **Look up the sites in advance**
Some sites in Brunei may require a permit to enter, especially if it's deep in the forest.
- ✓ **Get together with the local birders**
Bird(ers) of a feather learn better together. The official language in Brunei is Malay but English is widely spoken, so be sure to mingle with the locals.
- ✓ **Look out for migratory birds**
The Wasan Paddy Field is a haven of paddy and freshwater habitat for migratory birds. The prime season to search for migratory waterbirds is between October and early April.



DID YOU KNOW?

Brunei has all 8 species of **Bornean hornbills**. If you're down for a challenge, try spotting all of them!

Brunei's first record of **Rainbow Bee-eater** – the third for all of Borneo – was along the southern fringes of Andulau Forest Reserve

Slaty-legged Crake was discovered in Brunei in 2020, a species never before officially recorded on Borneo

Egrets are a common sight in the country – the people of Brunei are no stranger to driving past these charming birds, characterized by their pure white feathers. They can also often be seen in residential areas.



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BIRD WATCHING BRUNEI

Discover Brunei's Birding Gem: A Haven for Bird Enthusiasts

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BIRDS TO BE FOUND IN BRUNEI

As birds migrate from one place to another, these are some of the birds that can be potentially found in Brunei depending on the time of the year. A few of them are endemic to Borneo so it's highly encouraged to try spotting these birds to make the most of your time in Brunei.



Wrinkled Hornbill
Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus
Badas Area and Kerangas of
Andulau Forest Reserve

Helmeted Hornbill
Rhinoplax vigil
Ulu Temburong
canopy walk

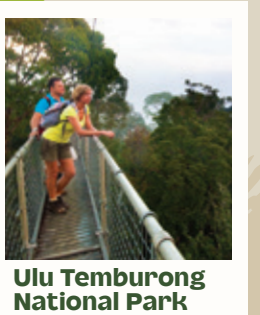
Brahminy Kite
Haliastur indus
Can be seen soaring
above swamps, coasts
and mangroves

Brunei-Muara

Tutong

Belait

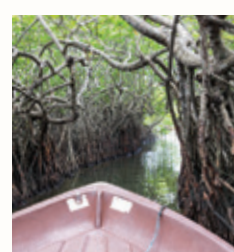
Temburong



Ulu Temburong National Park



Tasek Lama



Kampong Ayer



Tasek Merimbun

Garnet Pitta
Erythropitta granatina
Ulu Temburong



Bornean Bristlehead
Pityriasis gymnocephala
Peatswamps of
Badas Area



Barred Eagle Owl
Bubo sumatranus
Badas Road



Great Slaty Woodpecker
Mulleripicus pulverulentus
Badas Road



Spectacled Flowerpecker
Dicaeum dayakorum
Ulu Temburong
canopy walk



Cinnamon-headed Green-pigeon
Treron fulvicollis baramensis
Along Badas and the
kerangas forests on the
southern fringes of Andulau
Forest Reserve