

10 Common Garden Birds of Malaysia

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The Malaysian Bird Report has a series specially for the non-birdwatcher, children and families, to learn about our common Malaysian garden birds. Details on each bird possible to download from the “Resource Material & Links” – “Common Garden Birds” site – use the QR code. This graphic is to illustrate 10 common gardens birds to make it easier for you to identify them.



**Yellow-vented Bulbul
(Merbah Kapur)**

Pycnonotus goiavier

Yellow-vented Bulbuls should be considered as a candidate for the national bird as they best symbolise the average Malaysian. Like many of us they seem to ‘think with the stomach’ and are always ready to try new tasty food.

**Common Iora
(Kunyit Kecil-
Biasa)**

*Aegithina
tinia*

The Common Iora is a charming bird with a large call repertoire. They are very ‘acrobatic’ and will often cling to thin branches upside down looking for prey.



**Asian Glossy Starling (Perling-Kilat Asia or Perling
Mata Merah) *Aplonis panayensis***

Very gregarious species that roost in large numbers in trees. They can be quite beautiful when seen in good light.

**Oriental Magpie-Robin (Murai-Kampung
Biasa) *Copsychus saularis***

Magpie Robins are one of the most intelligent birds in the garden. Nothing happens without them being aware of it.



**White-throated Kingfisher (Pekaka Dada
Putih)**

Halcyon smyrnensis

They have a rather solitary personality and are loners most of the time. They breed in a hole in a bank of earth beside a road but will also use a blocked manmade pipe.

Common Myna (Gembala-Kerbau Rumah) *Acridotheres tristis*

Common Mynas have yellow skin around the eye with stars in the iris. They have a habit of sitting in the cool shade of trees during the heat of the day and talk for long hours, possibly discussing serious issues that plague the planet.



Zebra Dove (Merbuk Biasa) *Geopelia striata*

Doves and Pigeons evoke an emotive response in individuals – the element of peace – and the Zebra Dove lives up to this.

Black-naped Oriole (Kunyit Besar) *Oriolus chinensis*

They are the only moderate sized bird that is brightly yellow-orange. If anyone tells you they saw 'a large yellow bird' in the city then you can say with confidence that it was an Oriole.



Eurasian Tree Sparrow (Pipit Rumah) *Passer montanus*

Sparrows are underrated birds. Not everyone can be a superstar, but the world will not go round without the average folk.

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon (Punai Kocok) *Treron vernans*

Beautiful pigeons with a double coloured iris. They generally feed on fruit in trees, especially the palm fruits.

