

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo

Chalcites basalis

On the Bluff

July - February



In late winter and spring, the call of the returning **Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo** can be heard as the bird sits perched near the top of a tree. The call is a repeated note with a descending inflection. If you have binoculars, you can note the bronze green sheen on the wings, a white eyebrow and rufous coloured outer tail feathers.

Beak-to-tail: 14 - 17 cm

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Shining Bronze-Cuckoo

Chalcites lucidus

The smaller **Shining Bronze-Cuckoo** is similar to Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo, but it is more brightly marked with iridescent green/brown on the wings, back and neck. The barring on the chest of adult birds is complete, without the central break of the Horsfield's. The call has an upward inflection – not unlike a human whistling a dog.

Beak-to-tail: 16 – 18 cm

