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SAM VEASNA CONSERVATION  
TOURS

# KOH KER, BENG MEALEA FOREST TEMPLES



**An incredibly special day of viewing the remote and less-visited temples in the countryside around Siem Reap**

Spend one day birding amongst the spectacular sites of ancient Khmer empire- Koh Ker and Beng Mealea. This trip offers a rich and diverse range of bird species including: Black-headed and White-bellied Woodpecker, Velvet-fronted and Neglected Nuthatch, Rufous-winged Buzzard, Indochinese Bushlark, the beautiful White-Rumped Pygmy Falcon and the Collared Falconet.

**Day 1: Koh Ker and Beng Mealea**



*"We took the Koh Ker, Beng Mealea Forest Temples tour, which more than met our objective of seeing more of the local habitat and countryside beyond the most visited Angkor temple circuit. The added advantage was birding, which included close-ups of in our case 67 different birds, enhanced by photographs using the Swarovski Optik scope..."*

*...Overall, the experience with this tour more than compensated for the crowds and pressures we experienced on our first day at the most visited sites in Siem Reap – I was glad to have explored the web to find Sam Veasna rather than rely on the standard itineraries furnished by our top-of-the-range hotel."*

**William Looney, 3rd February 2020**

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# DAY 1: KOH KER AND BENG MEALEA TEMPLES

## ITINERARY

For full Koh Ker and Beng Mealea bird list: [CLICK HERE](#)

### 05:30 - Pick Up

Pick up from your Siem Reap hotel in our aircon 4x4 by our English speaking bird guide we head off on the drive to Koh Ker, through fields and villages. We stop for a packed breakfast en route at some excellent birding spots

### 07:30 – Arrival

Arriving at the Koh Ker temple complex we head out into the outlying temples after dry forest and semi-evergreen forest birds

### 11:00 – Koh Ker Temple

We head to the main Koh Ker Temple for the opportunity to explore this stunning complex and the birds, butterflies and dragonflies that inhabit the site.

### 12:30 – Lunch

Lunch will be at a local restaurant outside the temple

### 13:30 - Beng Mealea Temple

We start the drive to beautiful Beng Mealea temple complex for a couple of hours' exploration around the temple and surrounding forest, before driving back to Siem Reap

### 14:30 - Visit Beng Mealea

**PLEASE NOTE: You will need a valid Angkor Temple Complex Pass to enter this temple**

### 17:00 - Drop Off

Drop off back at your Siem Reap hotel



### Drive Time:

4 hours

### Walking Distance:

3-5km

### Key Species:

Birds: White-bellied Woodpecker, Black-headed Woodpecker, White-throated Rock Thrush, Rufous-winged Buzzard, White-rumped Pygmy Falcon, Brown Prinia, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Burmese Shrike, Collared Falconet, Indochinese Bushlark, Grey-slaty Woodpecker

### Habitat:

Deciduous dipterocarp forest with semi-evergreen forest patches.

