

NEST RECORDS FROM NORTH OF THE CENTRAL CORDILLERA OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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A perusal of Coates (1985) indicates that few nest records exist for Papua New Guinea, especially away from the Port Moresby and the Papuan area generally. I offer here a few nest records, collected opportunistically over the past several years, from the Bulolo area, Morobe Province.

Brown Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis*

- a) September 1977, in a young Klinkii Pine *Araucaria hunsteinii* in Gesch's Seed Orchard, Bulolo.
- b) 13 April 1980, rough structure of grass, pine needles and ferns built onto a road cut at Kaisenik Plantation (*Pinus patula*). c. 14 cm in diameter. Contained one egg.
- c) 29 September 1980, a nest of pine needles (main and upper most material), dry ferns and a few *Pinus* twigs (at the bottom) inter woven with rooted grasses. c. 11 to 12.5 cm in diameter. Found in a different road cut at Kaisenik Plantation, c. 1.5 m above road level. One egg.
- d) 8 December 1982, nest high on road cut (over 2 m up) at Kaisenik Plantation. One egg.

Emerald Ground-Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

- 2 May 1982. Female found dead in duck pen at a residence at the Forestry Station, Bulolo. Contained an enlarged ovum (c. 6 x 6 mm).

Superb Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus superbus*

- 8 October 1985, carrying nesting material, Manki logging area, Bulolo.

Pheasant Coucal *Centropus phasianus*

- 15 April 1982, at the base of *Pinus caribaea* in a 4 year old plantation just outside Bulolo. Nest made of Kunai leaves. Two eggs.

Marbled Frogmouth *Podargus ocellatus*

- 14 November 1980, netted and collected in *P. patula* plantation, Kaisenik, Morobe Province. Contained fully developed but unhardened egg c. 50 x 40 mm in dimension.

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto*

- September 1977, Nest overhanging the creek at Gesch's Seed Orchard, Bulolo.

Yellow-bellied Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis*

- a) 13 August 1982, nest (abandoned) c. 3 m off the ground in a young hoop pine *Araucaria cunninghamii* in the Forest Research Station nursery, Bulolo. The nest, especially the bottom and top, was made up of case-bearer cases. The main body of the nest was bound primarily with grasses.
- b) 21 August 1982. Nest found in a lemon tree c. 2.5 to 3.0 m above the ground. Located in a gully running through the Forestry Station housing area, Bulolo. Nest completely lined with fluffy seed material, probably *Parsonia*, Apocynaceae.

Mannikin sp. *Lonchura* sp

- 2 September 1981, Fallen nest with two dead nestlings. Below a *Pinus* tree at a residence at the PNG Forestry College, Bulolo.

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