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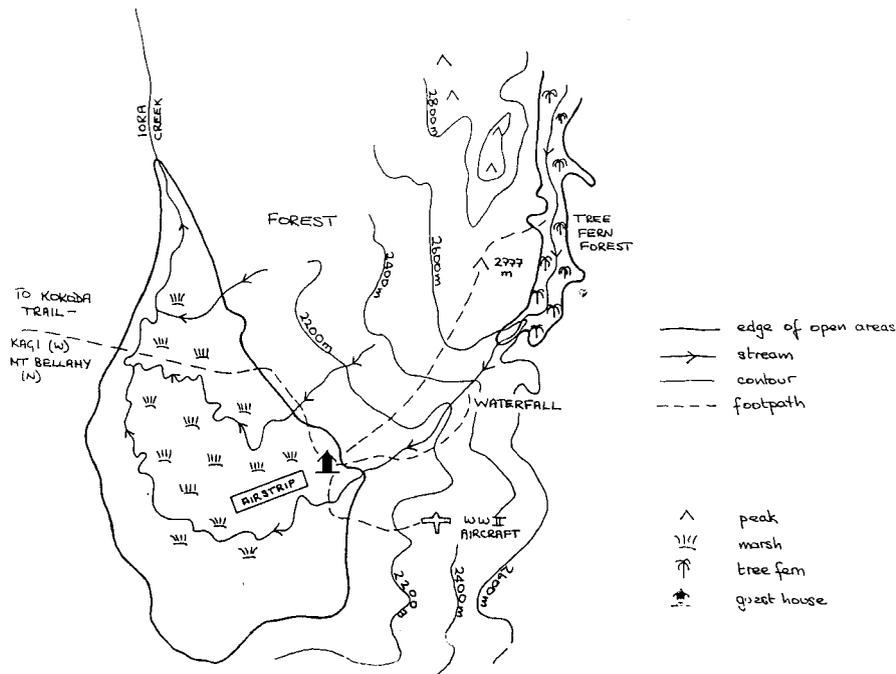
Once again our stay was all too short. We would like to thank the villagers of Myola for their hospitality, Talair for promptness of the charter flight and Pacific Expeditions (tel. 257803) through whom we organised the trip.

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Species list. h = heard only, r = ringed, M = Mike's high altitude expedition only.

Brown Falcon, Wattle Brush-Turkey (h), Brown Quail, King Quail, Forbes' Forest-Rail, Spotless Crane, Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove, Bronze Ground-Dove, White-breasted Fruit-Dove, Papuan Mountain Pigeon, Goldie's Lorikeet, Little Red Lorikeet, Orange-billed Lorikeet (M), Painted Tiger-Parrot (M), Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Sooty Owl (h), Papuan Boobook (h), Mountain Owllet-Nightjar (r), Mountain Swiftlet, Glossy Swiftlet, Pacific Swallow, Alpine Pipit (M), Pied Chat, Lesser Ground-Robin (r), Island Thrush (r), Spotted Jewel-Babbler, Lesser Melampitta, Blue-capped Iffrita, Tawny Grassbird, Orange-crowned Fairy-Wren (r), Mountain Mouse-Warbler (r), Large Scrub-Wren (r), Buff-faced Scrub-Wren (r), Papuan Scrub-Wren (r), Grey Gerygone, Brown-breasted Gerygone, Dimorphic Fantail (r), Black Fantail (r), Friendly Fantail, Black Monarch, Black-breasted Boatbill, Canary Flycatcher (r), Garnet Robin, Mountain Robin (M), Ashy Robin (r), Black-throated Robin, White-winged Robin (M), Blue-grey Robin (r), Regent Whistler (r), Rufous-naped Whistler (r), Papuan Treecreeper, Varied Sitella, Black Sitella, Fan-tailed Berrypecker (r), Tit Berrypecker, Spotted Berrypecker, Papuan Flowerpecker, Crested Berrypecker (M), New Guinea White-Eye (r), Olive Straightbill (r), Red-capped Myzomela, Rufous-backed Honeyeater (r), Sooty Melidectes (M), Belford's Melidectes, Common Smoky Honeyeater, Grey-headed Mannikin, Eastern Alpine Mannikin (M), Macgregor's Bowerbird (r), Loria's Bird of Paradise, Brown Sicklebill, Stephanie's Astrapia.

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A BRIEF VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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In June, 1987 we spent 2 weeks in PNG and more than anything else whet our appetites : a longer return visit!

Our first real birding outing on Saturday, June 13 was up to Varirata National Park. After the obligatory stop at the Bird of Paradise tree we continued round to the picnic area seeing Papuan Flowerpecker and Frilled Monarch on the way. At the picnic area we saw our first Rufous-bellied Kookaburra. While eating lunch at a table by Lake Lifilikatabu we were thrilled to watch (through the telescope) a Bush-Hen foraging in and out of the reeds along the shore on the far side of the lake.

On Sunday we were fortunate to be able to go on the PNGBS outing to the Sogeri Plateau. Apart from the good company we kept, we also enjoyed seeing Moustached Tree-Swift, Golden Monarch, Lowland Peltops and Grey Crow. That evening we returned to Varirata and spent the night at the lodge.

The next morning in the park we added to our growing list Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher, Dwarf Kingfisher, Stout-billed Cuckoo-Shrike and Yellow-faced Myna.

Tuesday morning we decided to go out to the Brown and Vanapa rivers but got the car stuck in a ditch on a side road near the river. By the time a truck load of election workers came by and lifted us out our day's birding had been seriously curtailed! However, we did see two new fruit-doves and a large flock of Greater Streaked Lories feeding on some fruiting palms on the road back to Port Moresby.

Following two days essentially spent close to Port Moresby except for an early morning trip to Moitaka Settling Ponds with Roger Hicks, we flew up to Tari and Ambua Lodge. The first afternoon we had Torrent-Lark and Long-tailed Shrike along with several Honeyeaters. The next three days were mostly spent walking the road between the lodge and Tari Gap getting looks at Great Cuckoo-Dove, Papuan and Yellow-billed Lorikeets, Papuan Boobook, Alpine Pipit, Regent and Sclater's Whistlers, Blue-capped Iffrita, Crested and Tit Berrypeckers, Archbold's Bowerbird and Ribbon-tailed Astrapia. Real high points were getting Papuan Mountain Pigeon and King of Saxony Bird of Paradise in the telescope, watching a New Guinea Harpy-Eagle from about 50 yards for 15 minutes while he periodically uttered his far-carrying call, and observing a Short-tailed Paradigalla on a nest in the lodge grounds.

Returning to Port Moresby we went straight up to Varirata and stayed two more nights in the lodge. We were rewarded by good looks at Black-billed Brush-Turkey, Zoe Imperial Pigeon, Northern Scrub-Robin, and a Dwarf Cassowary that strolled along the path 20 feet in front of us for a couple of minutes. We took a short drive around the park after dark each night and saw two species of Wallabies, a Bandicoot and a Papuan Frogmouth.

Altogether we saw a total of 143 species, 87 of which were "lifers". We are now trying to persuade some of our friends to join us for a return visit! We would particularly like to thank Roger Hicks for all the help and information he gave us. We would be very happy to assist any PNG Bird Society members who might be contemplating a trip to Arizona.

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