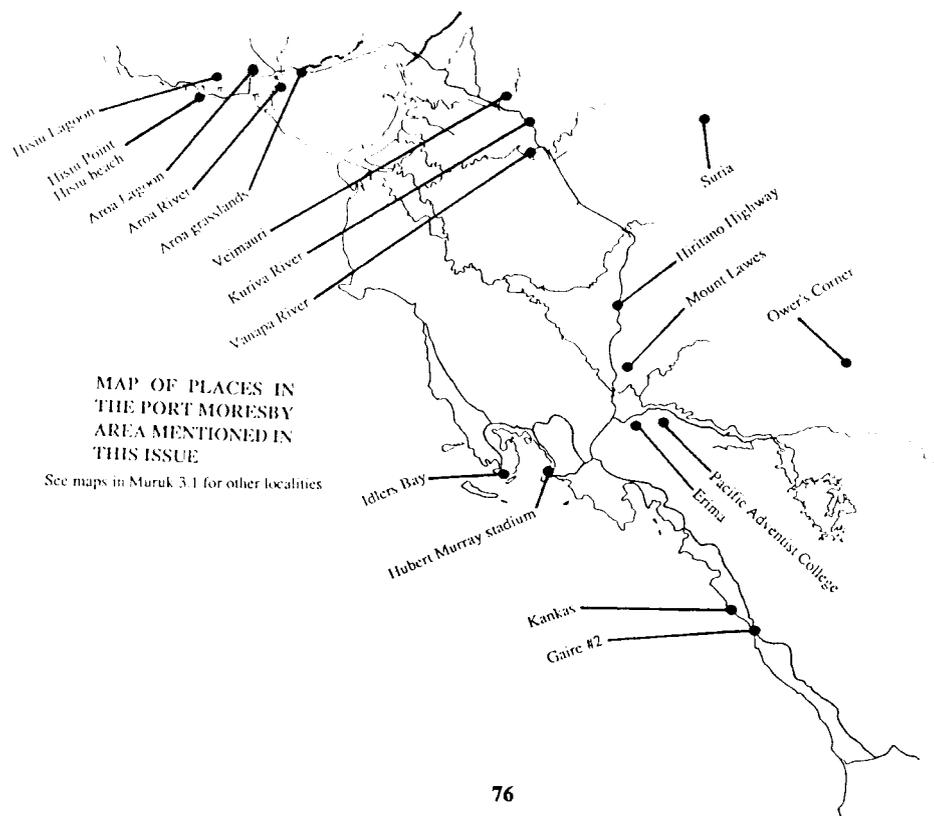


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| Chestnut-breasted Mannikin | <i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i> |
| 12 Jul, 3, Surinumu (RGS). | |
| White-eared Catbird | <i>Ailuroedus buccoides</i> |
| 31 Jul, 2, Gare's lookout trail, Varirata NP (IB); 15 Aug, pair, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (RH); 26 Aug, 1, Veimaui logging tracks (RGS); 13 Sep, 1, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (RH); 13 Sep, 3, feeding on berries, Veimaui logging tracks (NW & CE). | |
| Macgregor's Bowerbird | <i>Amblyornis macgregoriae</i> |
| 27 Sep, 1 female netted and ringed & 1 male seen, Myola, Oro (RII). | |
| Twelve-wired Bird of Paradise | <i>Seleucidis melanoleuca</i> |
| 12 Jul, 1 male, Lower Vanapa (RH). | |
| King Bird of Paradise | <i>Cicinnurus regius</i> |
| 23 Aug, 1 male, King Bird tree; 26 Aug, 1, Veimaui logging tracks (RGS); 30 Sep, several males & females in one area, Veimaui logging tracks (RH <i>et al.</i>). | |
| Magnificent Bird of Paradise | <i>Cicinnurus magnificus</i> |
| 19 Jul, 1 male in bp, Boana, Mor (RH <i>et al.</i>); 2 Aug, Varirata NP (CE). | |
| Raggiana Bird of Paradise | <i>Paradisaea raggiana</i> |
| 4 Jul, female carrying nesting material, Lower Vanapa (RH). | |
| Emperor Bird of Paradise | <i>Paradisaea guilielmi</i> |
| 19 Jul, 1 male in full bp & 3 - 5 females Boana, Mor (RH <i>et al.</i>). | |
| Grey Crow | <i>Corvus tristis</i> |
| 4 Jul, c. 30, Lower Vanapa (RH); 12 Jul, 1, Lower Vanapa (RH). | |



RECENT OBSERVATIONS OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1987

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Abbreviations : ad = adult; bp = breeding plumage; Cen = Central Province; I = Island; imm = immature; juv = juvenile; Mad = Madang Province; Mor = Morobe Province; Mt = Mount; NP = National Park; PAC = Pacific Adventist College, 14-mile, Port Moresby; R = river; SHP = Southern Highlands Province; SP = settling ponds; Wes = Western Province; WHP = Western Highlands Province; WNB = West New Britain.

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| Streaked Shearwater | <i>Calonectris leucomelas</i> |
| 23 Dec, 1, Kimbe Bay, WNB (RH & PW) | |
| Great Frigatebird | <i>Fregata minor</i> |
| 22 Nov, 1 male, over Hisiu beach (RH); 16 Dec, c. 3 with each flock of Lesser Frigatebirds, over Paga Hill (see below) (RII). | |
| Lesser Frigatebird | <i>Fregata ariel</i> |
| 22 Nov, Hisiu Beach (RH); 16 Dec, 2 flocks, each c. 50 birds heading NW over Paga Hill at 17:45 (RH). | |
| Little Pied Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i> |
| 10 Oct, 1, at c. 760 m, Naoro, Cen (NW). | |
| Darter | <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> |
| 3 Dec, 4, Aroa Lagoon (NW). | |
| Cattle Egret | <i>Egretta ibis</i> |
| 26 Nov, 23, 2 in bp, Moitaka SP (RII); 18 Dec, 3, 1 in bp, Ilimo Farm (RII); 19 Dec, 5, 2 in bp, Kanosia Lagoon (now dry) (RII). | |
| White-faced Heron | <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i> |
| 19 Dec, 1, Hisiu Lagoon (RII). | |
| Eastern Reef-Egret | <i>Egretta sacra</i> |
| 23 Dec, 2 dark phase & 1 light phase on Restorff I, WNB (RH & PW). | |
| Striated Heron | <i>Ardeola striata</i> |
| 2 Dec, 1, Bootless Bay (RII & PW). | |
| Black Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i> |
| Usual records from the Oxbow: 2 Oct & 19 Dec (RII). | |
| Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> |
| 1 Nov, 5, flying over Moitaka SP (RH); 22 Nov, 1, Aroa Lagoon (RII); 3 Dec, c. 14 Aroa Lagoon (NW); 19 Dec, 1, Hisiu Lagoon (RH). | |
| Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> |
| 17 Oct, 8, over Brown R (IB). | |
| Royal Spoonbill | <i>Platalea regia</i> |
| 3 Dec, c. 10 Aroa Lagoon & 3 at the Oxbow (NW & PW). | |

- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*
1 & 6 Nov, 1, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Long-tailed Buzzard *Henicopernis longicauda*
3 & 4 Oct, 1, Varirata NP (RH); 7 Nov, 1, Varirata NP (RH); 3 Dec, 1, Veimauri (PW).
- New-Britain Buzzard *Henicopernis infuscata*
24 Dec, 1 at sea level, nr Hoskins, WNB (RH & PW).
- Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus*
2 Oct, 1, King Bird Tree (RH).
- Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*
10 Dec, 18 over Moitaka SP (RH).
- Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*
3 Oct, a nest containing one almost fledged young in a eucalypt to east of lake, Varirata NP (RH).
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
1 & 6 Oct, 1 ad, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*
17 Oct, 1, Brown River (IB).
- Black-mantled Goshawk *Accipiter melanochlamys*
11 Dec, 1, Tari Gap, SHP (PW).
- Grey-headed Goshawk *Accipiter poliocephalus*
Three records from the King Bird tree: 1 Oct (RH); 17 Oct (IB) & 2 Dec (RH).
- Meyer's Goshawk *Accipiter meyerianus*
29 Oct, 1 carrying prey item over Bulldog Track, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- New Guinea Harpy-Eagle *Harpyopsis novaeguineae*
28 Oct, 1 heard at 05:30, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Spotted Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna guttata*
Numbers at Moitaka SP rose to a peak of c. 400 on 10 Dec as surrounding wetlands dried up. Subsequent heavy rains resulted in fewer birds at Moitaka SP: 17 Dec, c. 60 & 31 Dec, c. 50 (RH).
- Wandering Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*
Generally more numerous than Spotted WD, c. 200 - c. 300 present at Moitaka SP throughout Oct & Nov. A peak of c. 600 on 10 Dec (therefore in excess of 1000 ducks at Moitaka on this day). Numbers dropping markedly following heavy rains in the second half of Dec: 17 Dec, c. 20 & 31 Dec, c. 50 (RH).
- White-headed Shelduck *Tadorna radjah*
One present at Moitaka SP throughout this period with 3 on 10 Dec (RH).
- Green Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus pulchellus*
19 Nov, 4, Moitaka SP (RH); 12 Dec, pair, Oxbow (RH).
- White Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*
22 Nov, 1 female, Aroa Lagoon. Possibly a first record for southern PNG (RH, CE & WG) (see Muruk 3.1).
- Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*
As with the whistling duck, numbers of this species at Moitaka SP rose throughout Oct & Nov to a peak of c. 300 on 10 Dec, after which, as a result of heavy rain, numbers dropped. Only 1 on 17 Dec and 2 on 31 Dec (RH).
- Garganey *Anas querquedula*
10 Dec, first returning migrant, 1 male, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Australian White-eyed Duck *Aythya australis*
1 Oct, 2, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Common Scrubfowl *Megapodius freycinet*
29 Oct, pair on Bulldog Track, at 2000 m, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).

- Wattled Brush-Turkey *Aepyptodius arfakianus*
27-30 Oct, heard daily but not seen, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Brown Quail *Coturnix australis*
5 & 19 Nov, 2, Moitaka SP (RH).
- King Quail *Coturnix chinensis*
4 Dec, Myola, Oro (RH & PW).
- Red-backed Button-Quail *Turnix maculosa*
19 Dec, 2, Aroa Lagoon (RH *et al.*).
- Buff-banded Rail *Rallus philippensis*
10 Dec, 1, Moitaka SP. Not recorded as often this year as last (RH).
- White-headed Stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus*
Numbers at Moitaka SP generally decreasing from c. 20 at the start of Oct to 1 on 31 Dec. (RH).
- Beach Stone-Curlew *Esacus magnirostris*
22 Nov, 1, Hisiu beach (RH).
- Eastern Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
3 Dec, 23 on ploughed field, Veimauri (PW).
- Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
7 Nov, 1, Oxbow (RH); 3 Dec, 1, Oxbow (NW & PW); 6 Dec, 1, Lower Vanapa (NW); 28 Dec, 5, Tanubada pond (PW).
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
24 Oct & 22 Nov, Hisiu Beach (RH).
- Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*
24 Oct, first returning migrant, Hisiu Beach (RH).
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
24 Oct, 10, Hisiu Beach (RH).
- Little Curlew *Numenius minutus*
12 Oct, first returning migrant, 1, Tari airfield, SHP (RH); 13 Oct, first returning migrant in Port Moresby area, 3 on Hubert Murray stadium, present until 2 Nov (RH).
- Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*
31 Oct & 29 Oct, 1, nr Police Club on Paga Hill (RH).
- Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
1 Oct, 19 & 26 Nov, 1, Moitaka SP (RH); 15 Dec, 2, Tanubada Pond (PW).
- Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
Singles at Moitaka SP: 1, 6 & 29 Oct (RH).
- Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
5 Nov, 1, Moitaka SP. A small snipe, only slightly larger than nearby Sharp-tailed Sandpipers *Calidris acuminata*, was observed feeding in the open. It seemed darker than other snipe previously recorded, although none were available for direct comparison. It was thought to be this species (RH).
- Rufous Woodcock *Scolopax saturata*
17-18 Oct, 1, feeding on forest/grassland edge at c. 3100 m east of Myola, Oro (RH *et al.*).
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
Singles at Moitaka SP throughout this period (RH).
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
Recorded at Hisiu beach throughout this period (RH).
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*
10-20 at Moitaka SP throughout this period (RH); 6 Nov, c. 70, Moitaka SP, was the largest flock of this migration (RH); 19 Dec, c. 40, Hisiu Lagoon (RH).
- Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
Single at Moitaka SP from 5 Oct - 6 Nov (RH).

- Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*
Small numbers at Moitaka SP throughout this period (RH); 19 Dec, c. 20, Hisiu lagoon (RH).
- Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
6 Oct, first returning migrants, 2, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*
Numbers at Moitaka SP decreasing throughout Oct: 1 Oct, c. 100; 6 Oct, 48; 29 Oct, 3; majority in bp (RH); No Nov records received. 17 Dec, first returning migrant (presumably from Australian breeding grounds), 1 moulting out of bp, Moitaka SP (RH).
- White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*
1 Nov, first returning migrants (presumably from Asian breeding grounds), 2, Moitaka SP (RH). Many fewer records than previous two years with only two further sightings: 5 Nov, 1, Moitaka SP (RH) & 19 Dec, 1 juv, Hisiu beach (PW).
- Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
10-20 at Moitaka SP throughout this period (RH).
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
Small numbers at Moitaka SP from 1 Nov; 19 Dec, 29, Hisiu Point (RH).
- Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*
Single at Moitaka SP throughout Nov (RH); 19 Dec, 3, Hisiu Point (RH).
- Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia nigrirostris*
27-30 Oct, common, 10-12 birds seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Bronze Ground-Dove *Gallicolumba beccarii*
29 Oct, 1 male, Bulldog Track, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Pheasant Pigeon *Otidiphaps nobilis*
3 Oct, Varirata NP (CE); 16 Dec, 1, Gare's Lookout - Varirata Lookout Trail, Varirata NP (PW).
- Ornate Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus ornatus*
27 Oct, 1, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Superb Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus superbus*
3 Oct, 1 male, Varirata NP (CE).
- Beautiful Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus pulchellus*
27 Dec, 1, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (PW).
- White-breasted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus rivoli*
27-30 Oct, common, 6-25 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon *Ducula rufigaster*
Recorded at Veimauri logging tracks: 19 Nov (RH) & 3 Dec, 3 (PW).
- Pinon Imperial Pigeon *Ducula pinon*
3 Dec, Veimauri logging tracks (PW).
- Papuan Mountain Pigeon *Gymnophaps albertisii*
27-30 Oct, very common, 10-50 birds seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Little Red Lorikeet *Charmosyna pulchella*
16 Oct, pair at 2700 m, nr Myola, Oro (RH).
- Papuan Lorikeet *Charmosyna papou*
9-12 Oct, 1 dark phase & 1 light phase bird paired, seen regularly nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP. Common in forest above lodge (RH); 27-30 Oct, very common, 10-50 birds seen daily (equal numbers of light and dark plumage phase), Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Plum-faced Lorikeet *Oreopsittacus arfaki*
16 Oct, c. 10 at c. 2700 m nr Myola, Oro (RH); 27-30 Oct, 4-10 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB); 9 Nov, 2, Tari Gap, SHP (RH).
- Yellow-billed Lorikeet *Neopsittacus musschenbroekii*
27-30 Oct, 1-2 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).

- Orange-billed Lorikeet *Neopsittacus pullicauda*
16-17 Oct, large flocks of c. 100 birds seen above 3000 m nr Myola, Oro (RH); 27-30 Oct, common, 10-20 birds seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Palm Cockatoo *Probosciger aterrimus*
3 Dec, 1, Veimauri logging tracks (PW & NW). Some consider that this sighting refers to a crow that had been eating red berries, but that is probably just sour grapes!
- Red-breasted Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta bruijnii*
29 Oct, party of 4, along Bulldog track, Mor (IB).
- Brehm's Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella brehmii*
16 Oct, 1 at c. 2700 m nr Myola, Oro (RH); 29 Oct, 1 female, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB); 30 Oct, 2 females, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB); 3 Dec, 1 male, Myola, Oro (PW); 11 Dec, 1 male, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (PW).
- Painted Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella picta*
17 Oct, 1 male, at c. 3100 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH *et al.*); 30 Oct, 1 female, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Blue-collared Parrot *Geoffroyus simplex*
28 Oct, 2, in tree tops nr Nauti village (nr Wau), Mor (IB); 9-14 Nov, flights of c. 30 birds over Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH).
- Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis castaneiventris*
27 Dec, 1, Gare's Lookout Trail, Varirata NP (PW).
- Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis*
27-30 Oct, c. 6 seen/heard daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Rufous-throated Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx ruficollis*
10 Oct, 1, calling from exposed perch, Tari Gap, SHP (RH); 16 Oct, heard calling at c. 3100 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH).
- Dwarf Koel *Microdynamis parva*
24 Oct, 1 male, Veimauri logging tracks (RH).
- Common Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*
2 Dec, pair, King Bird tree (RH).
- Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*
26 Dec, 10 in forest on first volcano east of Hoskins, WNB, at a time of year when they should be on their breeding grounds in Australia (PW).
- Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
2 Oct, 1, Hiritano Highway nr Mt Lawes (RH).
- Rufous Owl *Ninox rufa*
12 & 28 Dec, pair at King Bird tree (RH, NW & PW).
- Papuan Boobook *Ninox theomacha*
13 Oct & 10 Nov, pair perched in tree behind chalet 11, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH); 13 Dec, 1, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (PW).
- Marbled Frogmouth *Podargus ocellatus*
6 Dec, 1, roosting on ground, Veimauri logging tracks (CE & NW).
- Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis*
2-3 Oct, 2, Varirata NP (RH).
- Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*
2 Oct, at least 6 on access road to Varirata NP (RH); 3 Oct, at least 5 calling birds, Varirata NP (RH).
- Moustached Tree-Swift *Hemiprocne mystacea*
Regularly recorded at Veimauri logging tracks: 24 Oct, 2 (RH); 22 Nov, 2 (RH); 3 Dec, 1 ad & 1 juv (RH); 20-26 Dec, common and easy to see between Walindi & Hoskins, WNB (RH & PW).
- Mountain Swiftlet *Collocalia hirundinacea*
27-30 Oct, 10-20 seen daily, Hidden Valley (IB).

- Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*
27-30 Oct, 5-10 seen daily, Hidden Valley (IB).
- Papuan Spine-tailed Swift *Mearnsia novaeguineae*
10 Oct, c. 5, at c. 760m, Naoro, Cen (NW); 22 Nov, Veimauri logging tracks (RH); 19 Dec, c. 10 over the Oxbow (RH).
- White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacutus*
21 Nov, first returning migrants, 2 over Hula, Cen (NW); 28 Dec, 3 over King Bird tree (RH).
- Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*
18 Dec, c. 6 over Paga Hill (RH & PW).
- Black-headed Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera nigriceps*
26 Dec, 1 seen in forest east of Hoskins, WNB (PW).
- Hook-billed Kingfisher *Melidora macrorrhina*
3 Oct, 1, netted and ringed, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (RH).
- Collared Kingfisher *Halcyon chloris*
Two records from Hisiu mangroves: 24 Nov, 1 & 3 Dec, pair (RH); 20-21 Dec, common in secondary growth nr Walindi, WNB (RH & PW).
- Beach Kingfisher *Halcyon saurorhaga*
23 Dec, 1, Restorff I, WNB (RH & PW).
- White-mantled Kingfisher *Halcyon albonotata*
20 Dec, perched beside road between Hoskins and Walindi, WNB (RH & PW).
- Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx lepidus*
28 Dec, 1, perched in forest understorey, King Bird tree (RH & PW).
- Little Kingfisher *Alcedo pusilla*
24 Oct, 3, Oxbow (RH); 22 Nov, 1, Hisiu mangroves (RH).
- Common Kingfisher *Alcedo althis*
26 Nov, 1, Moitaka SP (RH); 18 Dec, 1, Tanubada pond (PW & RH); 23 Dec, 1, Rostorff I, WNB (RH).
- Blyth's Hornbill *Rhyticeros plicatus*
21 Dec, 2 males & 3 females flying over Walindi oil palm plantation, WNB (RH & PW).
- Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*
28 Dec, 1, King Bird Tree (RH).
- Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*
14 Dec, Tari airfield, SHP (PW); 20 Dec, c. 50 over Nadzab airfield terminal buildings, Mor and 58, Hoskins, WNB (RH & PW).
- Tree Martin *Hirundo nigricans*
12 Oct, 1, Tari airfield, SHP (RH).
- Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
Several records from the Tari area where commonly seen alongside the Highway above Ambua Lodge: 9-12 Oct (RH); 9-13 Nov (RH); 9 Dec (PW); 6 Dec, 1, Myola, Oro (RH & PW).
- Alpine Pipit *Anthus gutturalis*
16-18 Oct, common in grasslands at c. 3000 m between Myola & Mt Kenevi, Oro (RH *et al.*).
- Hooded Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina longicauda*
29 Oct, One pair, nr Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Stout-billed Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina caeruleogrisea*
28 Oct, 1, male in grassland nr Nauti village (nr Wau), Mor (IB).
- Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
11 Oct, 1 in grassland below Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH).
- Island Thrush *Turdus poliocephalus*
27-30 Oct, 2-5 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).

- Spotted Jewel-Babbler *Ptilorrhoa leucosticta*
29 Oct, 1, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Lesser Melampitta *Melampitta lugubris*
17-18 Oct, regularly seen in forest at c. 3100m east of Myola, Oro (RH); 28-30 Oct, recorded daily in Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Blue-capped Ifrita *Ifrita kowaldi*
17 Oct, pair recorded at 3150 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH & HFII). This is 250 m above the extreme highest altitude given in Beehler *et al.* (1986). This species has also been recorded on Mt Scratchley (Clapp in *Muruk* 1.1, 1986) and probably occurs up to the tree line.
- Rufous Babbler *Pomatostomus isidorei*
14 Oct, nest found with occupants, Veimauri logging tracks (NW).
- Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*
4 Dec, 1, netted and ringed, Myola, Oro (RH).
- Island Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*
11 Oct, common in woods of Tari Basin, SHP (RH); 28 Oct, 1, in overgrown garden, Nauti village (nr Wau), Mor (IB).
- Wallace's Fairy-Wren *Sipodotus wallacii*
7 Nov, 1, King Bird tree (RH). First record for Port Moresby area for several years.
- Bicoloured Mouse-Warbler *Crateroscelis nigrorufa*
29 Oct, c. 10, along Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Mountain Mouse-Warbler *Crateroscelis robusta*
16 Oct, 1, carrying nesting material, Myola, Oro (RH); 30 Oct, 1, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Large Scrub-Wren *Sericornis nouhuysi*
27-30 Oct, common, 6-25 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Buff-faced Scrub-Wren *Sericornis perspicillatus*
30 Oct, 3, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Papuan Scrub-Wren *Sericornis papuensis*
27-30 Oct, 6-8 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Grey-green Scrub-Wren *Sericornis arfakianus*
8 Nov, 1, Varirata Lookout trail, Varirata NP (RH). New record for Varirata. Field notes: watched for c. 20-30 seconds from a distance of 3-5 m while perched and moving through bamboo beside trail. Dark grey-green upperparts, paler below with faint streaking on breast (not as pronounced as in Pale-billed Scrub-Wren *S. spilodera*). Bill fine and black (not as heavy and definitely not pale as in Pale-billed SW).
- New Guinea Thornbill *Acanthiza murina*
27-30 Oct, 1-4 seen daily, Hidden valley, Mor (IB).
- Grey Gerygone *Gerygone cinerea*
29 Oct, 6+, along Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Brown-breasted Gerygone *Gerygone ruficollis*
28 Oct, 1, carrying nesting material, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB); 29 Oct, 1, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Rufous Fantail *Rhipidura rufifrons*
22 Nov, 1, Hisiu mangroves (RH).
- Dimorphic Fantail *Rhipidura brachyrhyncha*
27-30 Oct, common 6-10 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Mangrove Fantail *Rhipidura phasianana*
22 Nov, 1, Hisiu mangroves (RH).
- Black Fantail *Rhipidura atra*
29 Oct, 3 females along Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Friendly Fantail *Rhipidura albolimbata*
27-30 Oct, common, 8-12 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).

Friilled Monarch	<i>Arses telescopthalmus</i>
24 Oct, pair nest building, Veimauro logging tracks (RH).	
Leadon Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>
18 Dec, pair nesting in a <i>Casuarina</i> nr the tollgate, Varirata NP (PW); 19 Dec, pair nesting, Hisiu mangroves (RH).	
Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>
21 Dec, pair on rain forest/plantation edge, Walindi, WNB (RH & PW).	
Black-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus nigripictus</i>
27-30 Oct, 1-2 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Torrent Flycatcher	<i>Monachella muelleriana</i>
9-12 Oct, frequently seen along streams between Efogi and Ower's Corner, Cen, but not as common as Torrent-Lark (NW).	
Olive Flycatcher	<i>Microeca flavirescens</i>
13 Dec, ad feeding fledged juv, King Bird tree. This juv lacked the pale lower mandible of ad (RH).	
Canary Flycatcher	<i>Microeca papuana</i>
27 Oct, 1, & 30 Oct 3, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Garnet Robin	<i>Eugerygone rubra</i>
18 Oct, 1 male at c. 3000 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH); 30 Oct, 1, female, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB); 6 Dec, 1 male trapped and ringed & a nesting pair seen, Myola, Oro (RH <i>et al.</i>).	
Black-sided Robin	<i>Poecilodryas hypoleuca</i>
1 Nov, 1, King Bird tree (RH).	
Black-throated Robin	<i>Poecilodryas albonotata</i>
27 Oct, 1 & 30 Oct, 3, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Greater Ground-Robin	<i>Amalocichla sclateriana</i>
17 Oct, 3, involved in a chase and observed within 3 m, in moss forest at c. 3100 m east of Myola, Oro. One bird was seen to fly a short distance (RH & HFH).	
Lesser Ground-Robin	<i>Amalocichla incerta</i>
28-30 Oct, 1 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
White-winged Robin	<i>Peneothello sigillatus</i>
16-18 Oct, common in moss forest from c. 2500 to 3000 m+ to the east of Myola, Oro. Several juvs recorded and ads noted feeding fledged young (RH <i>et al.</i>); 27-30 Oct, 1-5 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Blue-grey Robin	<i>Peneothello cyanus</i>
28 Oct, 1, & 29 Oct, 2, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Dwarf Whistler	<i>Pachycare flavogrisea</i>
3 Oct, Varirata NP (CE).	
Mottled Whistler	<i>Rhagologus leucostigma</i>
5 Dec, 1 male trapped and ringed, Myola, Oro (RH).	
Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>
23 Dec, 1 male, Restorff I, WNB (RH & PW).	
Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>
19 Dec, 1 pair, Hisiu mangroves (RH).	
Regent Whistler	<i>Pachycephala schlegelii</i>
27-30 Oct, 6-12 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Brown-backed Whistler	<i>Pachycephala modesta</i>
29 Oct, 1, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).	
Rufous-naped Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufinucha</i>
30 Oct, 2, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Papuan Treecreeper	<i>Climacteris placens</i>
27 & 29 Oct, 3, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	

Varied Sittella	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>
11 Oct, pair, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH); 28 Oct, 2 seen in mixed flock of scrub-wrens and thornbills, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Black Sittella	<i>Daphoenositta miranda</i>
11 Dec, c. 6, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (PW).	
Fan-tailed Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis versteri</i>
28 Oct, 1, 29 Oct 5 & 30 Oct, 2, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB); 4-6 Dec, 10, all females trapped, including 2 females ringed in Sep, Myola, Oro (RH).	
Tit Berrypecker	<i>Oreocharis arfaki</i>
27-30 Oct, 2-8 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Crested Berrypecker	<i>Paramythia montium</i>
16-18 Oct, common above 2500 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH <i>et al.</i>); 27-30 Oct, 2-8 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Black-fronted White-Eye	<i>Zosterops atrifrons</i>
27 Dec, Varirata NP (RH).	
New Guinea White-Eye	<i>Zosterops novaeguineae</i>
28 Oct, 1 & 29 Oct, 5, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).	
Long-billed Honeyeater	<i>Melilestes megarhynchus</i>
7 Dec, 1, Varirata NP (PW).	
Red-collared Myzomela	<i>Myzomela rosenbergii</i>
27-30 Oct, 1-3 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Black-throated Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus subsphenatus</i>
16 Oct, 1, Myola, Oro (RH); 28 & 29 Oct, 1, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Rufous-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ptiloprora guisei</i>
27-30 Oct, 5-20 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Sooty Melidectes	<i>Melidectes fuscus</i>
16-18 Oct, commonest bird above 3000 m in moss forest to east of Myola, Oro (RH <i>et al.</i>); 30 Oct, 1 at 2900 m in a ridge top tree, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB); 19 Dec, Tari Gap, SHP (PW).	
Belford's X Yellow-browed Melidectes	Hybrids
27-30 Oct, abundant 30-40 seen daily, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Blue-faced Parrot-Finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>
29 Oct, 4, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB); 11 Nov, 2, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH); 10 & 12 Dec, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (PW).	
Eastern Alpine Mannikin	<i>Lonchura monticola</i>
17-18 Oct, small parties in high altitude grassland at c. 3100 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH <i>et al.</i>).	
Mountain Firetail	<i>Oreostruthus fuliginosus</i>
17 Oct, pair in high altitude grassland at c. 3100 m, east of Myola, Oro (RH <i>et al.</i>); 27-30 Oct, 2 heard calling each day, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Golden Myna	<i>Mino anais</i>
19 Dec, 2, Lower Vanapa (RH).	
Torrent-Lark	<i>Grallina bruijnii</i>
9-12 Oct, seen on nearly every stream between Efogi and Ower's Corner, Cen (NW); 11 Oct, 10 & 12 Dec, 1, on stream nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH & PW).	
White-breasted Wood-Swallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
15 Oct, nest at Moitaka SP, outcome unknown (RH).	
Great Wood-Swallow	<i>Artamus maximus</i>
28 & 30 Oct, 1, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).	
Lowland Peltops	<i>Peltops blainvillii</i>
7 Nov, nest at King Bird tree, outcome unknown (RH).	

- Mountain Peltops *Peltops montanus*
11 Oct (RH) & 9 Dec (PW) 1, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP.
- White-eared Catbird *Ailuroedus buccoides*
17 Oct, King Bird tree (NW).
- Archbold's Bowerbird *Archboldia papuensis*
11 Dec, Tari Gap, SHP (PW).
- Macgregor's Bowerbird *Amblyornis macgregoriae*
10 Oct, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH); 29 Oct, 3, Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Crested Bird of Paradise *Cnemophilus macgregorii*
10 Oct, 1 female, Tari Gap (c. 2900 m), SHP (RH); 17 Oct, 1 male at 3100 m east of Myola, Oro (CE); 30 Oct, 1 male & 2 females, feeding in a fruiting tree on a ridge top (c. 2900 m), Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Loria's Bird of Paradise *Cnemophilus loriae*
9-12 Oct, males and females observed feeding and a male seen displaying, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH); 28 Oct, 2 females, along Bulldog Track, Mor (IB).
- Short-tailed Paradigalla *Paradigalla brevicauda*
9-12 Oct, 1 ringed adult accompanied by a fully fledged young around Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH).
- Twelve-wired Bird of Paradise *Seleucidis melanoleuca*
17 Oct, 1 male, King Bird tree (NW); 19 Dec, excellent views of a displaying male, Lower Vanapa (RH *et al.*).
- Brown Sicklebill *Epimachus meyeri*
27-30 Oct, up to 11, 5 males & 6 females, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Ribbon-tailed Astrapia *Astrapia mayeri*
7 Oct, 1 female feeding in umbrella tree, Tari Gap, SHP (RH).
- Stephanie's Astrapia *Astrapia stephaniae*
27-30 Oct, up to 11, 5 males & 6 females, Hidden Valley, Mor (IB).
- Supercb Bird of Paradise *Lophorina superba*
9-12 Oct, male & female feeding, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH).
- King of Saxony Bird of Paradise *Pteridophora alberti*
9 Oct, several males calling, Tari Gap, SHP (RH).
- Raggiana Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea raggiana*
3 Oct, female carrying nesting material, Varirata NP (RH).
- Blue Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea rudolphi*
9 Oct, female feeding, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RH); 10 Nov, 2 males seen, Banari road, nr Tari, SHP. Male's call sounds like a reversing bus or truck (RH).

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