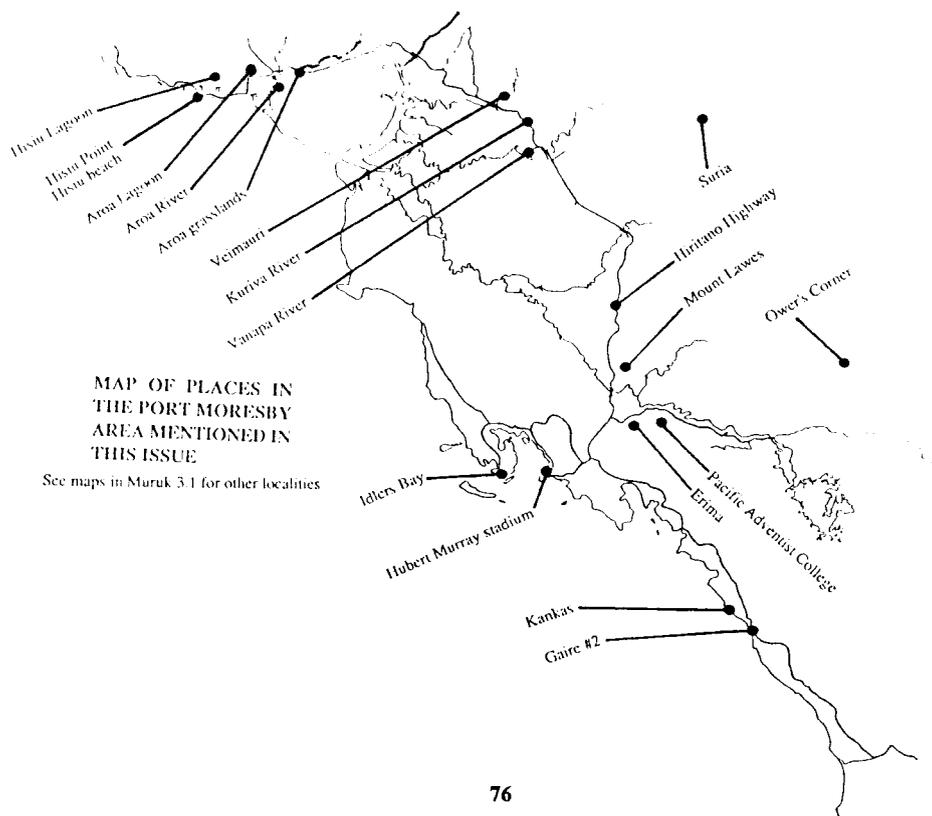


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| Chestnut-breasted Mannikin | <i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i> |
| 12 Jul, 3, Surinumu (RGS). | |
| White-eared Catbird | <i>Ailuroedus buccoides</i> |
| 31 Jul, 2, Gare's lookout trail, Varirata NP (IB); 15 Aug, pair, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (RH); 26 Aug, 1, Veimauro logging tracks (RGS); 13 Sep, 1, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (RH); 13 Sep, 3, feeding on berries, Veimauro 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, Veimauro logging tracks (RGS); 30 Sep, several males & females in one area, Veimauro 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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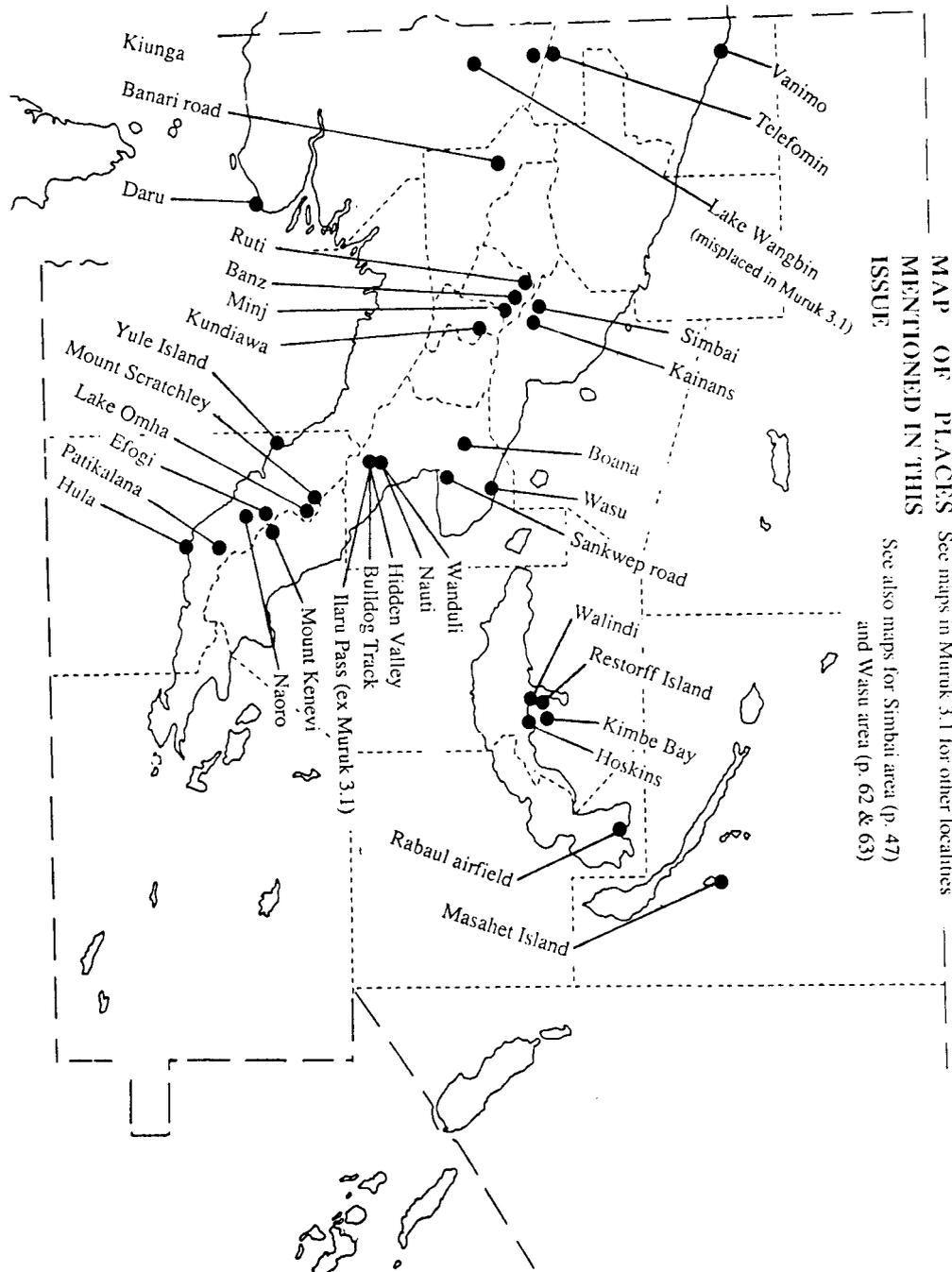
Abbreviations : ad = adult; bp = breeding plumage; Cen = Central Province; I = Island; imm = immature; juv = juvenile; Mad = Madang Province; Mor = Morobe Province; Mt = Mount; NP = National Park; PAC = Pacific Adventist College, 14-mile, Port Moresby; R = river; SHP = Southern Highlands Province; SP = 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). | |

- 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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