

From Gares Lookout, I headed back towards the picnic site. At one of the patches of rain forest, I heard more calling and picked up two Northern Scrub-Robins by the path and could hear a third bird calling inside the forest. While watching the scrub-robins, I heard yet more movement and realised I was looking at a juvenile Dwarf Cassowary half hidden behind a small bush. It stayed there for several minutes before emerging and looking me in the eye somewhat balefully. Again, I moved on.

At the picnic site, I joined the path that would take me along the stream back to Varirata Lookout. It was well past midday and there was by now virtually no activity at all. Surprisingly though, after 20 minutes or so I came across my first bird party of the day which contained the usual Spot-winged and Frilled Monarchs, Grey Whistlers and Yellow-bellied Gerygones amongst others. Once the bird party had passed by, all activity ceased.

As I drove out of Varirata I was joined for a few minutes by a Long-tailed Buzzard which was flying along the road. That was the end of an excellent day.

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SCALY THRUSH *ZOOTHERA DAUMA* AT VARIRATA NATIONAL PARK

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On 21 May 1989, in Varirata National Park, Central in Varirata National Park, Central Province, I flushed a medium-sized brown bird from the path through deep rain forest on the circular trail between the Raggiana Bird of Paradise display tree and the entrance road.

I thought at first it might be a Quail-Thrush, but it froze some 20 m away and I was able to identify it as a Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma*. The bird was heavily spotted all over, dark brown on off-white, and the spots (scales) were more dense on the back than on and below the face. The legs were pale and pinkish, as was the bill.

I was using Minolta 8 x 40 binoculars. There are no previous records of this species in Varirata National Park and no records of migration to and from Australia. It seems it may be a scarce nomadic species in Papua New Guinea.

I had previously seen this species in Australia and Nepal.

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RECENT OBSERVATIONS APRIL - JUNE 1989

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Abbreviations: ad = adult; Cen = Central Province; EHP = Eastern Highlands Province; I = Island; imm = immature; juv = juvenile; L = Lake; Mor = Morobe Province; NP = National Park; NSP = North Solomons Province; Oro = Northern Province; PAC = Pacific Adventist College; R = River; rd = Road; SHP = Southern Highlands Province; SP = settling ponds; UPNG = University of PNG campus; y = young.

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| Dwarf Cassowary | <i>Casuarius bennetti</i> |
| 9 Apr, 1, Varirata NP (RGS); 24 Apr, 1 ad, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB); 29 Apr, 1 half-grown individual, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB); 14 May, 1 juv, Varirata NP (CE). | |
| Short-tailed Shearwater | <i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i> |
| 20 May, 1 pursued by an imm White-bellied Sea-Eagle off Idler's Bay (IB). | |
| Australasian Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i> |
| 6 May, pair nesting on pond in Varirata NP (RGS). | |
| Great Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> |
| 1 Apr, 5 May & 26 May, 1, Moitaka SP (IB, RGS & RH). | |
| Little Pied Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i> |
| 26 May, 25, Moitaka SP (RGS). | |
| Eastern Reef-Egret | <i>Egretta sacra</i> |
| 14 May, 3 white phase, Gaba Gaba (RGS). | |
| Black Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i> |
| 13 Apr, 1 imm, Moitaka SP (IB); 5 May, 1 juv, Moitaka SP (RGS). | |
| Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> |
| 7 Apr, 1, Moitaka SP (IB); 5 May, 1, Moitaka SP (RGS); 28 Jun, 1, Moitaka SP (RH). | |
| Long-tailed Buzzard | <i>Henicopernis longicauda</i> |
| 4 May, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS); 21 Jun, Varirata NP (CE). | |
| Bat Hawk | <i>Macheiramphus alcinus</i> |
| 5 May, 1, Buhem R, Mor (RGS); 14 May, King Bird Tree (IB). | |
| Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans</i> |
| 9 May, 100, Lae, Mor (RGS). | |
| White-bellied Sea-Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> |
| 20 May, 1 imm, in pursuit of a Short-tailed Shearwater, Idler's Bay (IB); 26 May, 1, Local I (RGS); 10 Jun, 1 imm, Elavala R, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>). | |
| Spotted Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus spilonotus</i> |
| 5 May, 1, Lae, Mor (RGS). | |
| Swamp Harrier | <i>Circus approximans</i> |
| 19 May, 1, Moitaka SP (RGS). | |

Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
19 May, 1, Moitaka SP (RGS); 21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS); 18 Jun, 1, Motupore I (IB).	
Grey Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>
5 May, 1, which we believe to be a black phase of this species, Moitaka SP (RGS & RH).	
Grey-headed Goshawk	<i>Accipiter poliocephalus</i>
4 Apr, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).	
Little Eagle	<i>Hieraetus morphnoides</i>
21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS); 4 Jun, 2 (1 light & 1 dark phase), Koiari rd (NW).	
Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>
25 May, 1, Varirata Lookout, Varirata NP (IB); 4 Jun, 1, Koiari rd (NW).	
Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>
26 May, 1, Gordons, Port Moresby (RGS); 27 Jun, 1, UPNG (IB); 28 Jun, 1, Moitaka SP (RH).	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Observed several times during May, on the Unitech campus and nr Lae airport, Mor (GS).	
White-headed Shelduck	<i>Tadorna radjah</i>
9 Apr, 1, Lower Vanapa (CE).	
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
1, Apr, 1, Moitaka SP (IB); 19 May, 1, Moitaka SP (RGS).	
Australian White-eyed Duck	<i>Aythya australis</i>
7 Apr, 1, Moitaka SP (IB).	
Common Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>
1, King Bird Tree (CE).	
Black-billed Brush-Turkey	<i>Talegalla fuscirostris</i>
21 Jun, 1, Varirata NP (CE).	
Lewin's Rail	<i>Rallus pectoralis</i>
19 Jun, 1, Myola, Oro (CE).	
Forbes' Forest-Rail	<i>Rallinaforbesi</i>
26 Jun, 1, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (GB, CE).	
Red-necked Rail	<i>Rallinatricolor</i>
8 Jun, 1, scarp trail, Varirata NP (IB).	
Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i>
18 & 19 Jun, 2, Myola, Oro (CE).	
Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>
13 May, 1 ad and 2 y, Oxbow (RGS).	
Beach Stone-Curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>
14 May, 1, Gaba Gaba (RGS).	
Lesser Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
6 Apr, 34 in bp, Nadzab, Mor (RGS); 13 Apr, 4, UPNG playing fields (IB); 10 May, 4, Nadzab, Mor (IB).	
Large Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
8 Apr, 1, Fishermans I (RGS).	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>
1 Apr, 4; 7 Apr, 8; 13 Apr, 6; 29 Apr, 2; all obs, Moitaka SP (IB).	
Latham's Snipe	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>
1 & 8 Apr, 1, Moitaka SP (IB).	
Swinhoe's Snipe	<i>Gallinago megala</i>
1 Apr, 1, Moitaka SP (IB).	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
1 Apr, 10, Moitaka SP; 13 Apr, 2, Moitaka SP (both IB).	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
14 May, 2 (juv ?), Gaba Gaba (RGS).	

Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
29 Apr, 2, Moitaka SP (IB).	
White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
13 Apr, 1, Moitaka SP (IB).	
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
5 May, 1, Moitaka SP (RGS).	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
17 Jun, 92 & 19 Jun, 23 on sand-bar at Motupore I. One bird in breeding plumage - red legs, red bill with no black tip (IB).	
Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
8 Apr, 10+, Loloata, (CE).	
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>
17 Jun, 5, Motupore I (IB).	
White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis</i>
24 Jun, 1, Tari, SHP (CE & GB).	
Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardtii</i>
14 May, 1 flying over Unitech campus, Lae, Mor - in an open area between the sports ovals and a residential area. It has been recorded on the campus before, but is quite unusual (GS); 25 May, 1 imm, Gare's Lookout, Varirata NP (IB); 11 Jun, 3, on road (picking up grit?) halfway between Kiunga & Tabubil, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>).	
Emerald Ground-Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
2 Jun, Varirata NP (NW).	
Cinnamon Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba rufigula</i>
14 May, 1, Varirata NP (CE).	
White-bibbed Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba jobiensis</i>
17 Jun, 1, Myola, Oro (CE).	
Pheasant Pigeon	<i>Otidiphaps nobilis</i>
14 May, 1, Varirata NP (CE).	
Southern Crowned Pigeon	<i>Goura sheepmakeri</i>
10 Jun, 1, perched in tree over-hanging the river, a favoured roost site apparently, and a further 3 seen later, Elavala R, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>).	
Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>
21 Jun, 3, Varirata NP (CE).	
Dwarf Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus nanus</i>
16 Jun, 6+, King Bird Tree (CE).	
Pinon Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon</i>
16 Jun, 1, King Bird Tree (CE).	
Collared Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula muellerii</i>
10 Jun, 1, flying across Elavala R, Wes - we had expected them to be much commoner (RH <i>et al.</i>).	
Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>
9 Apr, 100+, Lower Vanapa (CE).	
Papuan Mountain Pigeon	<i>Gymnophaps albertisii</i>
8 May, 15 Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).	
Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placensis</i>
23 Apr, many small flocks of 6 - 30 birds nr the Sankwep R, Mor, usually only 1 or 2 seen (GS).	
Plum-faced Lorikeet	<i>Oreopsittacus arfaki</i>
24 Jun, 6+ drinking from a small stream, Tari, SHP (CE).	
Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>
9 Jun, 2, logging tracks nr Kiunga, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>); 10 Jun, 2, flying over Elavala R, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>); 11 Jun, 1, perched in the top of a tree in pouring rain, logging tracks N of Kiunga, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>); 12 Jun, 1, nr Tabubil, Wes (RH <i>et al.</i>); 21 Jun, 2, Gares Look Out, Varirata NP (CE); 30 Jun, 1, Komaio village, Gul (IB).	

- Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*
5 Apr, 26, Buhem R, Mor (RGS); 4 Jun, 3+, Goldie R (CE).
- Buff-faced Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta pusio*
21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Yellow-capped Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta keiensis*
11 Jun, c. 10, roadside forest N of Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Brehm's Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella brehmii*
25 Jun, 1, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Vulturine Parrot *Psittichas fulgidus*
10 Jun, 1, flying across Elavala R, Wes (RH); 13 Jun, 2, nr, Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Papuan King-Parrot *Alisterus chloropterus*
4 Jun, Koiari rd (NW); 26 Jun, 4+, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Dwarf Koel *Microdynamis parva*
14 May, pair, King Bird Tree (IB).
- White-crowned Koel *Caliechthrus leucolophus*
21 Jun, heard, Varirata NP (CE).
- Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*
1 Apr, 1, King Bird Tree (NW); 7 Apr, 3, Waigani (RGS); 26 May, 1, Moitaka SP (RGS); 11 Jun, 2, flying over Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*); 14 Jun, 1, logging tracks N of Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Greater Black Coucal *Centropus menbeki*
2 Apr, a pair crashing around clumsily in roadside undergrowth, Gawam rd, Mor (GS).
- Lesser Black Coucal *Centropus bernsteini*
30 Jun, 1, Kikori, Gul, is the most easterly record to date (IB).
- Barking Owl *Ninox connivens*
16 Jun, 1, King Bird Tree (GB).
- Rufous Owl *Ninox rufa*
29 Apr, 1, nr Varirata Lookout, Varirata NP, was mobbed by 4 Hooded Butcherbirds, 3 Black Butcherbirds, 2 Helmeted Friarbirds, 2 male Raggiana BoPs, and a Brown Oriole (IB).
- Papuan Boobook *Ninox theomacha*
12 Jun, heard, Cloudlands Hotel, Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*); 23 & 24 Jun, heard, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Mountain Owlet-Nightjar *Aegotheles albertisi*
4 May, 1, perched in tree overhanging driveway at 21:00, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (AL).
- Papuan Nightjar *Eurostopodus papuensis*
11 Jun, 1, hawking over woods nr Cloudlands Hotel, Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*
23 Apr, 1 & 29 Apr, 5, on approach road to Varirata NP (IB).
- Papuan Spine-tailed Swift *Mearnsia novaeguineae*
1 Apr, 2, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Moustached Tree-Swift *Hemiprocne mystacea*
5 May, 1, Buhem R, Mor (RGS).
- Common Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera galatea*
9 Apr, 1, 14 May, 1 & 11 Jun, 2 trapped, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Australian Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera sylvia*
4 Jun, 2, Goldie R (CE).
- Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera danae*
21 Jun, 3 imm, seen separately, not as a party, Varirata NP (CE).
- Sacred Kingfisher *Halcyon sancta*
8 Jun, 1, perched on phone lines during heavy downpour and "washing" itself, Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*).

- Azure Kingfisher *Alcedo azurea*
23 Apr, 1, on the small creek past Gwabadik, before the Musom settlement, Mor. Diving from perch to river and back (GS).
- Rainbow Bee-eater *Merops ornatus*
2 Apr, a small flock on the Gawam rd, Mor, was the first of the season (GS).
- Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*
5 May, 1, Buhem R, Mor (RGS); 14 May, 1, Kankas (RGS).
- Blyth's Hornbill *Rhyticeros plicatus*
10 Jun, 5 females & 2 males, flying over Elavala R, Wes (RH *et al.*); 12 Jun, 2, nr Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*); 30 Jun, 1, Komaio village, Gul (IB).
- Blue-breasted Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster*
7 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*
11 Jun, 1 trapped, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Boyer's Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina boyeri*
10 May, 2, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS); 13 May, 2, King Bird Tree (RGS).
- Cicadabird *Coracina tenuirostris*
8 Jun, 1 male, Gare's Lookout trail, Varirata NP (IB); 19 Jun, 1, female trapped, Motupore I (IB).
- Grey-headed Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina schisticeps*
8 Jun, 1 female, logging tracks nr Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*); 12 Jun, c. 6, Cloudlands Hotel, Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Black Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina melaena*
5 May, 1 Varirata NP (RGS).
- Golden Cuckoo-Shrike *Campochaera sloetii*
10 Jun, 2, logging tracks N of Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*); 12 Jun, 4, nr Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*); 30 Jun, 4, Komaio village, Gul (IB).
- Varied Triller *Lalage leucomela*
21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma*
21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Painted Quail-Thrush *Cinclosoma ajax*
14 May, a pair and a single, Varirata NP (CE); 25 May, 1 pair, between Varirata Lookout & Gare's Lookout, Varirata NP (IB); 8 Jun, 1 male, by "steps" on Gare's Lookout trail (IB); 21 Jun, 1, Varirata NP (CE).
- Spotted Jewel-Babbler *Ptilorrhoa leucosticta*
19 Jun, 1, Myola, Oro (CE). A call frequently heard on the Gawam rd, Mor, is identical to the call described as this species on John Austing's tape. However, these records (so far heard only) well below 1000 m, would be unusually low for this species.
- Blue Jewel-Babbler *Ptilorrhoa caerulescens*
13 May, 2, King Bird Tree (RGS); 16 Jun, 2, King Bird Tree (CE).
- Chestnut-backed Jewel-babbler *Ptilorrhoa castanonotus*
14 May, 2, Varirata NP (CE); 21 May, 2, Varirata NP (RGS); 22 Jun, 1, Varirata NP (CE).
- Island Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*
23 Apr, 2, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB).
- Emperor Fairy-Wren *Malurus cyanocephalus*
13 May, 3, Brown R (RGS); 14 May, 1 male trapped, King Bird Tree (IB).
- White-shouldered Fairy-Wren *Malurus alboscapulatus*
15 Apr, 4, Goroka, EHP (IB).
- Rusty Mouse-Warbler *Crateroscelis murina*
9 Apr, 3, Varirata NP (RGS); 25 May, a nest with two eggs found on the Gare's Lookout trail when a bird was disturbed from sitting. Nest was a small cup, on the ground under a very small shrub. (IB & RH); 8 Jun, eggs hatching, nest empty four days later (IB).

- Bicolored Mouse-Warbler *Crateroscelis nigrorufa*
21 May, 2, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Pale-billed Scrub-Wren *Sericornis spilodera*
2 Jun, small feeding flock, Varirata NP (NW).
- Papuan Scrub-Wren *Sericornis papuensis*
16 Apr, 4, Mt Gahavisuka, EHP (IB).
- Grey-green Scrub-Wren *Sericornis arfakianus*
8 Jun, 2, in a feeding party of small insectivores, Gare's Lookout trail, Varirata NP (IB).
- Brown-breasted Gerygone *Gerygone ruficollis*
15 Apr, 2, Goroka, EHP (IB).
- White-throated Gerygone *Gerygone olivacea*
29 Apr, 1 heard, nr entrance to Varirata NP (IB).
- Black Thicket-Fantail *Rhipidura maculipectus*
14 May, 1, trapped, King Bird Tree (IB & RGS); 8 Jun, 1, Gare's Lookout trail, Varirata NP (IB);
11 Jun, 1, trapped, King Bird Tree (IB).
- White-bellied Thicket-Fantail *Rhipidura leucothorax*
9 Apr, Lower Vanapa (CE); 11 Jun, a nest at King Bird Tree contained two eggs (IB).
- Black Fantail *Rhipidura atra*
4 Apr, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).
- Spot-winged Monarch *Monarcha guttula*
6 May, 4, Varirata NP (RGS); 10 May, 1, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS); 21 May, 5, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Frisled Monarch *Arses telescopthalmus*
10 May, 3, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS).
- Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*
9 Apr, 3, Varirata NP (RGS); 7 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Satin Flycatcher *Myiagra cyanoleuca*
14 Jun, 1 female, inundated forest nr Kiunga airfield, Wes (RH).
- Torrent Flycatcher *Monachella muelleriana*
23 Apr, a pair on the Sankwep rd, Mor (GS); 10 May, 2, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS); 11 Jun, pair,
on tributary of Ok Tedi, nr Tabubil, Wes (RH et al.).
- Jacky Winter *Microeca leucophaea*
5 & 19 May, 2, Moitaka SP (RGS).
- Canary Flycatcher *Microeca papuana*
4 Apr, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).
- White-faced Robin *Tregellasia leucops*
21 May, 3, Varirata NP (RGS); 23 Apr, 8, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB).
- Garnet Robin *Eugeryone rubra*
18 Jun, 1 female, Myola, Oro (CE).
- Black-sided Robin *Poecilodryas hypoleuca*
1 Apr, 2, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Northern Scrub-Robin *Drymodes superciliaris*
7 May, 2, Varirata NP (CE); 14 May, 3 Varirata NP (CE); 16 Jun, 2, King Bird Tree (GB).
- Dwarf Whistler *Pachycare flavogrisea*
8 Jun, 1 male, Gare's Lookout trail, Varirata NP (IB).
- Mottled Whistler *Rhagologus leucostigma*
25 Jun, 1 male, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex*
26 May, 1 feeding in flowering *Acacia* tree, Moitaka SP (RGS & RH).
- Rufous-naped Whistler *Pachycephala rufinucha*
24 Jun, 1 imm, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (CE).

- Sooty Whistler *Pachycephala tenebrosa*
16 Apr, pair, Mt Gahavisuka, (IB).
- Hooded Pitohui *Pitohui dichrous*
6 & 21 May, 2, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Crested Pitohui *Pitohui cristatus*
29 Apr, 1, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB); 21 Jun, 1, Varirata NP (CE).
- Wattled Ploughbill *Eulacestoma nigropectus*
25 Jun, 2+, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Papuan Treecreeper *Climacteris placens*
17 Jun, 3+, Myola, Oro (CE).
- Varied Sittella *Daphoenositta chrysoptera*
25 Jun, 10+, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Black Sittella *Daphoenositta miranda*
17 Jun, 10+, Myola, Oro (CE); 25 Jun, 6+, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Black Berrypecker *Melanocharis nigra*
13 May, 1, King Bird Tree (RGS); 21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Tit Berrypecker *Oreocharis arfaki*
26 Jun, 6+, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Black-fronted White-ye *Zosterops atrifrons*
9 Apr, 3, Varirata NP (RGS); 21 May, 6, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Olive Straightbill *Timeliopsis fulvigula*
18 Jun, 2, Myola, Oro (CE).
- Tawny Straightbill *Timeliopsis griseigula*
14 May, 1, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Long-billed Honeyeater *Melilestes megarhynchus*
8 May, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS); 10 May, 1, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS).
- Pygmy Honeyeater *Oedistoma pygmaeum*
21 May, 2, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Red-throated Myzomela *Myzomela eques*
29 Apr, 2 Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB); 4 Jun, 1, Goldie R (CE).
- Dusky Myzomela *Myzomela obscura*
22 Jun, 1, UPNG (IB).
- Mountain Red-headed Myzomela *Myzomela adolphinae*
21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS); 21 Jun, 2+, Varirata NP (CE).
- Mountain Meliphaga *Meliphaga orientalis*
23 Apr, 1 Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB); 8 May, 2, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).
- Scrub White-eared Meliphaga *Meliphaga albonotata*
4 Jun, Koiari rd (NW); 8-10 Jun Kiunga, Wes (RH et al.); 30 Jun, 3, Kikori, Gul (IB).
- Puff-backed Meliphaga *Meliphaga aruensis*
10 May, 1, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS).
- Mimic Meliphaga *Meliphaga analoga*
9 Apr, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Graceful Meliphaga *Meliphaga gracilis*
21 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Varied Honeyeater *Lichenostomus versicolor*
8 Apr, 2, Fishermans I (RGS). 10 May, 2, Nadzab airport, Mor (IB); Normally this species does
not get very far from the coast. However, recently a number have been seen further inland than
usual and at the moment it is quite common on the Unitech campus, Lae, Mor (GS)
- Spotted Honeyeater *Xanthotis polygramma*
7 May, 1, Varirata NP (CE); 4 Jun, Koiari rd (NW).

- Tawny-breasted Honeyeater *Xanthotis flaviventer*
13 May, 1, King Bird Tree (RGS).
- Sooty Melidectes *Melidectes fuscus*
24 Jun, 1, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Yellow-browed Melidectes *Melidectes rufocrissalis*
26 Jun, 1, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Rufous-banded Honeyeater *Conopophila albogularis*
10 May, 5, Nadzab airport, Mor (IB).
- Blue-faced Parrot-Finch *Erythrura trichroa*
7 May, feeding on ground nr perimeter fence, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (AL).
- Grand Mannikin *Lonchura grandis*
25 Jun, 1, feeding in tall seeding grass (with Grey-headed Mannikins *L. caniceps*), Kokoda Trail Hotel (AL).
- Golden Myna *Mino anais*
13 May, 1, Oxbow (RGS); 8 - 10 Jun, numerous in forest N of Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Mountain Drongo *Chaetorhynchus papuensis*
23 Apr, 3, Boundary trail, Varirata NP (IB); 21 May, 2, Varirata NP (RGS).
- Torrent-Lark *Grallina bruijni*
18 Jun, 3, Myola, Oro (CE).
- White-breasted Wood-Swallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*
8 Jun, 3, perched on phone lines in heavy downpour with wings half open apparently bathing, Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Great Wood-Swallow *Artamus maximus*
15 Apr, 1, Goroka, EHP (IB).
- Black Butcherbird *Cracticus quoyi*
14 May & 21 Jun, 1, Varirata NP (CE).
- Lowland Peltops *Peltops blainvillii*
4 Apr, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).
- Archbold's Bowerbird *Archboldia papuensis*
24 Jun, 1 male & 25 Jun, 1 heard, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Flame Bowerbird *Sericulus aureus*
9 Jul, 1 male, logging tracks N of Kiunga, Wes (RH); 14 Jun, 2 males, logging tracks N of Kiunga, Wes (RH).
- Loria's Bird of Paradise *Cnemophilus loriae*
17 Jun, pair trapped, Myola, Oro (RH).
- Magnificent Riflebird *Ptiloris magnificus*
7 May, 1, Varirata NP (RGS); 8 May, 1, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS); 10 May, 1, Kwapsanek, Mor (RGS).
- Twelve-wired Bird of Paradise *Seleucidis melanoleuca*
11 Jun, 1 female, trapped, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Black Sicklebill *Epimachus fastuosus*
26 Jun, 1 male, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Stephanie's Astrapia *Astrapia stephaniae*
16 Apr, 2 males, Mt Gahavisuka, EHP (IB).
- King of Saxony Bird of Paradise *Pteridophora alberti*
16 Apr, 2 males, Mt Gahavisuka, EHP (IB).
- Raggiana Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea raggiana*
2 Apr, on Gawam rd, nr the new bridge, there were several plumed males calling and flying round. At one display tree we were treated to a spectacular display with a flame-like light shining through the extended plumes of the males (GS); 2 Jun, 4 displaying males & 6 female plumaged birds, Varirata NP (NW).

- Greater Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea apoda*
8 - 10 common in forest nr Kiunga, Wes (RH *et al.*).
- Emperor Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea guilielmi*
4 Apr, 21, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS); 9 May, 7, Baim-Huon, Mor (RGS).
- Blue Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea rudolphi*
26 Jun, 1 male, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Grey Crow *Corvus tristis*
9 Apr, 3, Varirata NP (RGS); 14 May, 12+, including 2 or 3 black juvs, Varirata NP (CE); 12 Jun, 3, Cloudlands Hotel, Tabubil, Wes (RH *et al.*).

