

RECENT OBSERVATIONS JULY - SEPTEMBER 1989

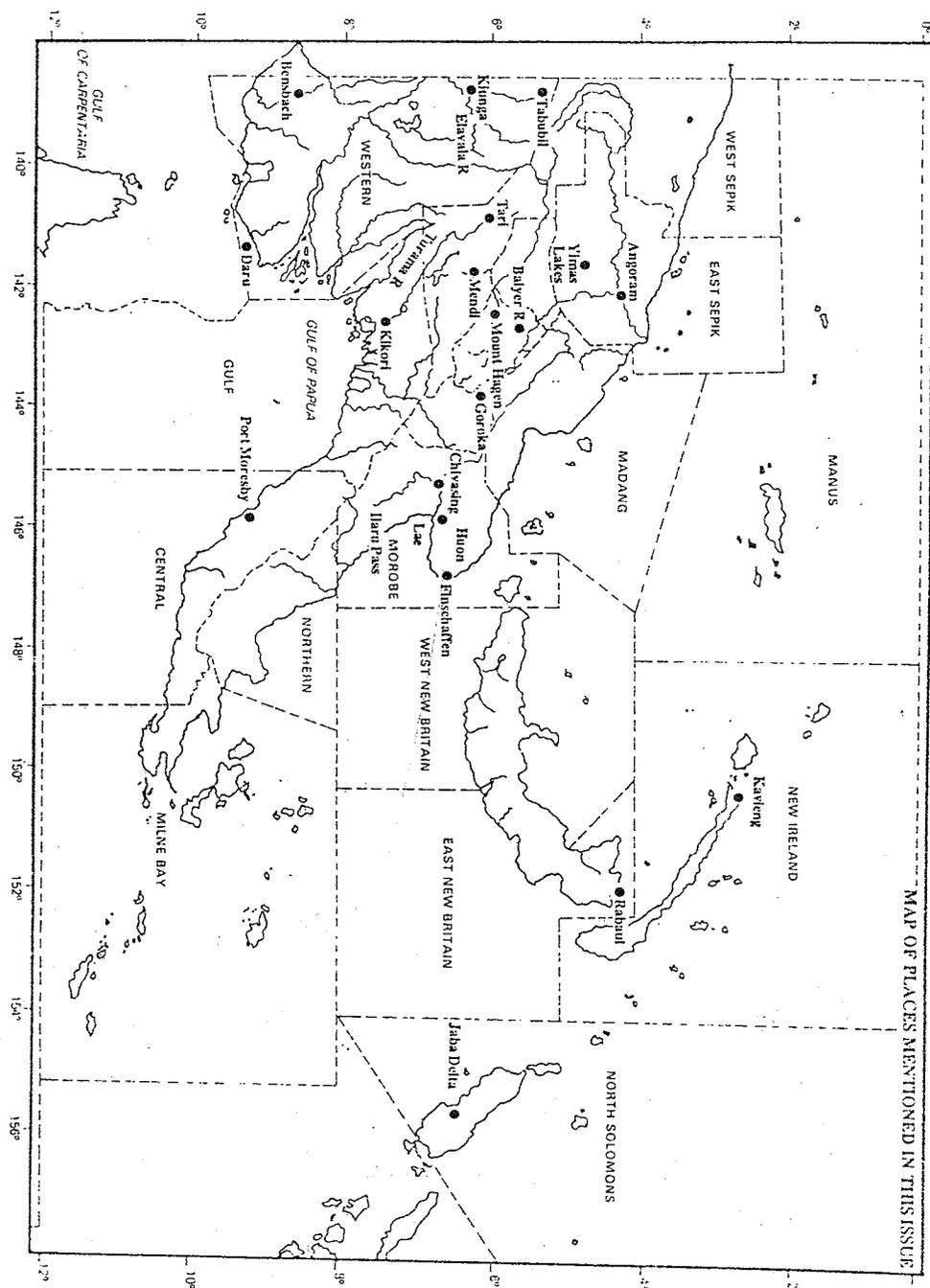
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Abbreviations: ad = adult; Cen = Central Province; EHP = Eastern Highlands Province; ENB = East New Britain Province; ESP = East Sepik Province; Fm = Farm; I = Island; imm = immature; juv = juvenile; L = Lake; Mor = Morobe Province; NP = National Park; nr = near; NSP = North Solomons Province; Oro = Northern Province; PAC = Pacific Adventist College; pr = pair; R = River; Rd = Road; SHP = Southern Highlands Province; SP = settling ponds; UPNG = University of PNG campus; WHP = Western Highlands Province.

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| Southern Cassowary | <i>Casuarius casuarius</i> |
| 3 Jul, 1 male, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB). | |
| Australasian Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i> |
| 22 Jul, pr nesting, Oxbow (RH). | |
| Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> |
| 19 Aug, one pr, Yimas Lakes, ESP. | |
| Great Frigatebird | <i>Fregata minor</i> |
| 5 Aug, 4, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB). | |
| Lesser Frigatebird | <i>Fregata ariel</i> |
| 31 Jul, 10, Motupore I (IB); 5 Aug, 12 Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB). | |
| Brown Booby | <i>Sula leucogaster</i> |
| 31 Jul, 6, Motupore I (IB). | |
| Cattle Egret | <i>Egretta ibis</i> |
| 2 Sep, c. 50, Fairfax grasslands (RH). | |
| White-faced Heron | <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i> |
| 29 Jul, 1, feeding at a roadside pond, Markham Valley, nr Chivasing, Mor (GS). | |
| Striated Heron | <i>Ardeola striata</i> |
| 30 Jul, 2, Motupore I (IB); 9 Sep, 1, Tahira mangroves (RH). | |
| Rufous Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i> |
| First record for the Unitech Campus, Lae, Mor, in the garden area between the staff housing and the farm (LL). | |
| Forest Bittern | <i>Zonerodius heliosylus</i> |
| 6 Aug, 1, Elevala R, Wes (WA, JM & IR). | |
| Sacred Ibis | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> |
| 2 Sep, 3, L Iaraguma (RH). | |



- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*
28 Jul, (RH) 7 Sep (IB) & 18 Sep (IB), 1, Moitaka SP.
- Long-tailed Buzzard *Henicopernis longicauda*
22 Jul, 3, Veimauri (RH); 4 Aug, nest building, Kiunga, Wes (BQP); 18 Sep, 1, Varirata NP (RH).
- Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus*
29 Jul, 1, Hawick R (JM & RH).
- Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
21 Jul, Upper Markham Valley, Mor, chasing off a Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (GS); 14 Aug, 2, Mount Hagen airport, SHP (IB).
- Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
30 Jul, 1, Ilimo Fm (BQP).
- Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*
2 Sep, 8, over a grass fire, Fairfax grasslands (RH).
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
1 Jul, 1 ad, Komaio village, GP (IB); 4 Aug, 1 imm, mobbed by Torresian Crow *Corvus orru*, Moitaka SP, (RH); 7 Sep, 1 imm, Moitaka SP (IB); 15 Sep, 1 ad & 1 imm, Moitaka SP (RH); 30 Sep, 1 imm, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*
16 Jul, Markham-Labu road, Mor. White phase bird perched on bare branches. There are so many Sulphur-crested Cockatoos *Cacatua galerita* around this area that this species was almost overlooked (GS); 22 Jul, 1 white phase, Veimauri (RH).
- Grey-headed Goshawk *Accipiter poliocephalus*
2 Jul, 1, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 10 Sep, 1, Veimauri (IB).
- Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrhocephalus*
15 Aug, 1, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (RD *et al.*)
- Meyer's Goshawk *Accipiter meyerianus*
13 Aug, 1, nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- Chestnut-shouldered Goshawk *Accipiter buergersi*
2 Aug, 1 juv seen well, chasing a Hooded Butcherbird over the Laloki R just below Varirata NP. Size, colour and tail pattern used to identify it (BQP); 13 Aug, 1 pale phase adult, seen perched nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- New Guinea Harpy-Eagle *Harpyopsis novaeguineae*
1 Jul, 1 flew across the Turama R, Gul, nr Kuri camp and perched in a bankside tree (IB); 7 Aug, heard 06:30, Koiari rd (RH *et al.*).
- Gurney's Eagle *Aquila gurneyi*
1, soaring above Lae city centre, Mor (GS).
- Brown Falcon *Falco berigora*
16 Jul, lone individual roaming high overhead, occasionally hanging motionless on the breeze, Markham-Laburd, Mor (GS); 29 Jul, 1, Ilimo fm (RH); 29 Jul, several at Kassam Pass, Mor (GS); 6 Aug, 1, Unitech campus, Mor (GS); 30 Sep, 1, Jackson's airfield (RH).
- Oriental Hobby *Falco severus*
6 Aug, 1, Koiari rd (RH); 15 Aug, 1, Ilaru Pass, Mor (BF); 24 Sep, 4, probably a family party, c. 20 km along the Koiari rd (IB).
- Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis*
28 Jul, 1, Jackson's airfield (RH); 29 Jul, 1, Jackson's airfield (IB); 29 Jul, 1, Waigani at dusk (RH); 15 Aug, 1, Boroko tennis courts, hawking moths at 19:30 (IB); 26 Aug, 1, Laloki (RH); 2 Sep, 1, L Iaraguma & 1, over grass fire, Fairfax grasslands (RH).
- Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
5 Aug, 1, Hisiu (IB); 12 Aug, 1, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (IB).
- Salvadori's Teal *Anas waigiensis*
13 Aug, Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (BQP); 17 Aug, Baiyer R, WHP (BF).

- Common Scrubfowl *Megapodius freycinet*
2 Jul, 2, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 2 Sep, 1, Fairfax ford, Lea Lea road (RH).
- Red-backed Button-Quail *Turnix maculosa*
30 Jul, 2, Ilimo Fm (BQP); 6 Aug, 2 & 24 Sep, 1, Goldie barracks training range (IB).
- Red-necked Rail *Rallinatricolor*
3 Jul, 1, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 5 Aug, 2, Veimauri (IB); 8 Aug, heard, Varirata NP (BF).
- White-headed Stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus*
21-29 Jul, 1, nr Chivasing, Markham Valley, Mor, feeding with c. 8 Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*) in a roadside pond (GS).
- Australian Pratincole *Stiltia isabellae*
3 Aug, 1, Kiunga, Wes (BQP).
- Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*
29 Jul, Markham Valley, Mor (GS).
- Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
5 Aug, 5, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB).
- Lesser Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
5 Aug, 2, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB); 17 Aug, Mendi, SHP (PW); 14 Sep, 20, UPNG (IB); Numbers at Moitaka SP increasing through the Sep from 1 on 7 Sep to 70 on 28 Sep (IB); 30 Sep, c. 40, Moitaka SP of which 2 were trapped (IB).
- Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
10 Aug, 2, Tabubil, Wes (BQP).
- Mongolian Plover *Charadrius mongolus*
5 Aug, 1, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB).
- Large Sand-Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*
5 Aug, 14, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB).
- Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*
3 Aug, 1, Daru, Wes (BQP).
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
30 Jul, 3, Motupore I (IB); 5 Aug, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB); 19 Aug, 3, Motupore I (IB); 16 Sep, 6, Moitaka SP (IB).
- Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
7 Sep, 1 & 16 Sep, 2, Moitaka SP (IB & RH).
- Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*
5 Aug, 23, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB);
- Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana*
19 Aug, 2, Motupore I (IB).
- Common Sandpiper *Tringa hypoleucos*
22 Jul, 2, first returning birds, Moitaka SP (RH); 4 Aug, 1, Moitaka SP (IB); 19 Aug, 2, Motupore I (IB); 3 - 6 at Moitaka SP throughout Sep (IB); 30 Sep, 2 trapped, Moitaka SP (IB).
- Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
2 Sep, first returning bird, 1, L Iaraguma (RH).
- Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
10 - 18 Sep, 2, & 30 Sep, 3, Moitaka SP (IB).
- Swinhoe's Snipe *Gallinago megala*
7 Sep, 1, 10 Sep, 1 & 16 Sep, 2, Moitaka SP (IB).
- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
10 & 16 Sep, 1, Moitaka SP (IB).
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
5 Aug, 3, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB).

- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*
2 Sep, 1, Lea Lea salt pans, first returning bird (RH); numbers at Moitaka SP peaking at 33 on 10 Sep, then decreasing through the month until 3 on 30 Sep, (IB); small flock feeding at a pond nr Chivasing, Markham valley, Mor (GS).
- Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
28 & 30 Sep, 1, Moitaka SP (IB *et al.*).
- Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*
5 Aug, 5, Hisiu - Cape Suckling (IB).
- Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
28 Sep, 1, Moitaka SP (IB); 30 Sep, 1, trapped, Moitaka SP (IB *et al.*). This is the first record of this species since 1984.
- Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*
Between 80 - 120 recorded on all visits (6) to Moitaka SP during Sep (IB).
- Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
4 Aug, 14; 7 Sep, 1; 10 Sep, 5; 18 Sep, 4; 30 Sep, 5; all records Moitaka SP (IB).
- Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
31 Jul, c. 50, Lion I (IB).
- Roseate Tern *Sterna dougalli*
31 Jul, 3, Lion I (IB).
- Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana*
31 Jul, 2, Lion I (IB).
- Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus*
31 Jul, 5, Lion I (IB).
- Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata*
2 Jul, seen in the Huon Gulf between Lae and Salamaua, Mor, in a mixed flock with Lesser Frigatebirds *Fregata ariel* and some other unidentified large white terns. The birds were diving for fish also being pursued by a school of enormous yellow-finned tuna which leaped out of the water in a most spectacular manner (GS).
- Crested Tern *Sterna bergii*
31 Jul, 10, Lion I (IB).
- Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis*
31 Jul, 3, Lion I (IB).
- Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*
31 Jul, c. 130, Lion I (IB).
- Great Cuckoo-Dove *Reinwardtoena reinwardtii*
1 Jul, 1, Komaio village, Turama R, Gul (IB); 11 Aug, 1, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB); 12 Aug, 1, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB); 13 Aug, 1, Tari Gap, SHP (IB); 27 Aug, 1, Veimauri (IB).
- New-Guinea Bronzewing *Henicophaps albifrons*
22 Jul, 1, Veimauri (RH - thanks Nik!).
- Southern Crowned Pigeon *Goura sheepmakeri*
2 Jul, 1 & 3 Jul, 4, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 5 Aug, 3 nr Kiunga, Wes (BQP).
- Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus aurantiifrons*
2 Jul, Salamaua nr Lae, Mor, a bit outside the normally described range. Small flocks of these doves seemed common here, although just across the Huon Gulf in Lae it is the Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus iozonus* which is the common urban fruit-dove. I have heard reports of the Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove in Lae, but I have never seen one myself (GS); 30 Jul, 2, Motupore I (IB); 9 Sep, 1, Tubusereia (RH).
- White-breasted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus rivoli*
6 Aug, 1 & 24 Sep, 8, Koiari rd (IB *et al.*).
- Dwarf Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus nanus*
4 Aug, 1 male, King Bird Tree (IB).

- Red-Knobbed Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus insolitus*
13 Aug, Rabaul, ENB (GS).
- Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon *Ducula rufigaster*
22 Jul, 1, Veimauri (RH); 27 Aug, 1, Veimauri (IB).
- Rufescent Imperial Pigeon *Ducula chalconota*
14 & 15 Aug, Ilaru Pass, Mor (BF).
- Pinon Imperial Pigeon *Ducula pinon*
1 Jul, 6 & 3 Jul, 10, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 16 Jul, Markham-Labu road, Mor. Three perched on bare branches, late afternoon. Deep booming call heard repeatedly.
- Collared Imperial Pigeon *Ducula muellerii*
1 Jul, 20 & 4 Jul, 30+, Komaio village, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula spilorrhoa*
21 Jul, a few perched in roadside trees, Upper Markham Valley, Mor (GS).
- Greater Streaked Lory *Chalcopsitta scintillata*
22 Jul, Pair at nesting hole, c. 14 m in eucalypt, Circuit trail, Varirata NP (AL).
- Goldie's Lorikeet *Trichoglossus goldiei*
12 Aug, c. 50, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB); 27 Aug, c. 30 & 10 Sep, c. 20, Veimauri (IB).
- Papuan Lorikeet *Charmosyna papou*
12 Aug, 6, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB); 13 Aug, c. 10, Tari Gap, SHP (IB); 14 & 15 Aug, Ilaru Pass, Mor (BF).
- Palm Cockatoo *Probsciger aterrimus*
1 Jul, 1, Komaio village, Turama R, Gul (IB); 2 Jul, 2, Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 4 Jul, 6 between Kuri camp and Komaio village, Turama R, Gul (IB); 16 Jul, Markham-Labu rd, Mor. One flew noisily over the road and perched on a small tree. It was joined by two others. There was some kind of display which seemed to be to do with courtship, with all three birds raising their crests and alternately hanging upside down and bobbing back again. One later flew out, leaving a pair to carry on the display. 17 Jul, pair also seen Gawam rd, Mor (GS).
- Red-breasted Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta bruijnii*
6 Aug, 1 male & 1 female, Koiari rd (IB).
- Double-eyed Fig-Parrot *Cyclopsitta diophthalma*
2 Jul, 15+ & 3 Jul, 12, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Large Fig-Parrot *Psittaculirostris desmarestii*
2 Jul, 1, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Brehm's Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella brehmii*
13 Aug, 1 male & 2 females, Tari Gap, SHP (IB); 14 Aug, 1 male, nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- Modest Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella modesta*
12 Aug, 1 male, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB).
- Blue-collared Parrot *Geoffroyus simplex*
17 Jul, Gawam Rd, Mor. No positive identification, but a group of about 30 high flying parrots gave the familiar "sleigh-bells" call. Later another group of about 60 flew over. Another possible record for Huon Peninsula (GS); 6 Aug, 2, Koiari rd (IB *et al.*); 14 Aug, 15, nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB); 14 & 15 Aug, Ilaru Pass, Mor (BF).
- Vulturine Parrot *Psittichas fulgidus*
2 Jul, 5 & 3 Jul, 3, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 4 Jul, 3, Komaio village, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Papuan King-Parrot *Alisterus chloropterus*
22 Jul, pair, Veimauri (RH); 8 Aug, Varirata NP (BF); 14 & 15 Aug, Ilaru Pass, Mor (BF).
- Shining Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus*
7 Jul, 1 in garden on UPNG campus (IB).

- Malay Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus*
30 Jul, 1, Mt Lawes (RH); 3 Aug, 1, feeding quietly in a mango tree in a Unitech campus garden, Lae, Mor. First record for campus (GS).
- Rufous-throated Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx ruficollis*
13 Aug, 1, Tari Gap, SHP (IB); 14 Aug, 1, nr Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- White-eared Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx meyerii*
9 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- White-crowned Koel *Caliechthrus leucolophus*
18 Sep, 1, Gares Lookout trail, Varirata NP (RH).
- Common Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*
5 Jul, 1 imm male, Kikori, Gul (IB).
- Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*
3 - 6 Aug, Kiunga, Wes (BQP); 18 Aug, Veimauri (BQP).
- Greater Black Coucal *Centropus menbeki*
3 Jul, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Lesser Black Coucal *Centropus bernsteini*
5 Jul, 1, Kikori, Gul (IB); 1, dark, no sign of barring, nr Lae showground, Mor. (GS).
- Barn Owl *Tyto alba*
9 Jul, 1, caught in headlights, perched on roadside post, nr Rouna 1&3 Power stations (AL).
- Papuan Hawk-Owl *Uroglaux dimorpha*
2 Aug, 1, perched on post beside road, below Varirata NP turnoff. Watched in headlights. Identified on size, streaked breast and barred back (GR, RS *et al.*).
- Rufous Owl *Ninox rufa*
27 Aug, 2 ad & 2 fledged juv, Veimauri (IB).
- Barking Owl *Ninox connivens*
11 Sep, 1, Pacific Adventist College (RH).
- Papuan Boobook *Ninox theomacha*
10 Aug, Tabubil, Wes (BQP); 11 - 15 Aug, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (BQP & IB).
- Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis*
11 Sep, 1, Pacific Adventist College (RH).
- Papuan Nightjar *Eurostopodus papuensis*
9 Aug, 1, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Mountain Nightjar *Eurostopodus archboldi*
15 Aug, 1, Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (JM *et al.*).
- Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*
22 Jul, 1, Kuriva (RH); 9 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Australian Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera sylvia*
31 Jul, Varirata Lookout, Varirata NP (BQP); 9 Aug, 1, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Hook-billed Kingfisher *Melidora macrorrhina*
15 Aug, heard calling at night in a built up residential area, Chinatown, Lae, Mor (GS).
- Collared Kingfisher *Halcyon chloris*
5 Aug, 5, Hisiu mangroves (IB).
- Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*
6 Aug, 2, feeding with a group of Rainbow Bee-eaters *Merops ornatus* in an area cleared for food gardens, Unitech, Lae, Mor. First record for campus (GS); 21 Jul, Markham Valley, Mor (GS).
- Blyth's Hornbill *Rhyticeros plicatus*
1 Jul, 15, between Komaio village & Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 3 Jul, 10, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB); 4 Jul, 40+, between Kuri camp and Komaio village, Turama R, Gul (IB); 16 Jul, Markham-Labu road, Mor (GS); 24 Sep, 1 male, Koiari rd (IB).
- Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*
11 Aug, 2, Wapenamanda airstrip, Eng (IB); 14 Aug, 2, Tari airstrip, SHP (IB); 14 Aug, 6+, Mt Hagen airstrip, WHP (IB).

- Tree Martin *Hirundo nigricans*
2 Sep, c. 20, over grass fire, Fairfax grasslands (RH); 11 Sep, 1, Moitaka SP (RH).
- Hooded Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina longicauda*
11 Aug, 3, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB); 12 Aug, 2, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB); 14 Aug, 3, nr Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina lineata*
3 Sep, Gawam rd, Mor - first time recorded in this area (GS).
- Black-shouldered Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracinamorio*
9 & 11 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Grey-headed Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina schisticeps*
9 & 11 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Cicadabird *Coracina tenuirostris*
2 Aug, 1 male, Varirata NP (BQP); 6 Aug, feeding quietly on trees in Unitech campus, Lae, Mor (GS); 9 Sep, Varirata NP (BF); 26 Aug, 1 female, King Bird Tree (RH); 2 Sep, 1 male, Lea Lea mangroves (RH).
- Black-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina montana*
6 Aug, 6 & 24 Sep, 4, Koiari rd (IB).
- Golden Cuckoo-Shrike *Campochaera sloetii*
7 Aug, 2, Koiari rd (RH); 9 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF); 27 Aug, 1 male & 1 female, Veimauri (IB).
- White-winged Triller *Lalage suerii*
21 Jul, c. 7 or 8, including both sexes, in roadside trees in the upper Markham Valley near Kassam Pass, Mor. The bird is frequently seen here, and seems to be quite common (GS).
- Papuan Whipbird *Androphobus viridis*
13 Aug, 1 female, old road above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP. Plumage as in Beehler *et al.*, chisel shaped bill noted, jizz as a *Melanocharis berrypecker* (JM, IR *et al.*); 14 Aug, 1 male, Hydro track, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (JC). Prior to 1989 this species was only known from the Snowy Mountains in Irian Jaya. Recently, the PNGBS has received several records of this species in the Ambua Lodge area, none of which have been well documented. If you should be lucky enough to see a Papuan Whipbird while staying at Ambua Lodge please take copious field notes to substantiate the record. Records of females should not be taken as confirmation of such a huge extension of range given the possibility of confusion with female Fan-tailed Berrypeckers (ed).
- Lesser Melampitta *Melampitta lugubris*
14 Aug, Tari Gap, SHP (JM).
- Island Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*
24 Sep, 1 trapped, Koiari rd (IB).
- Emperor Fairy-Wren *Malurus cyanocephalus*
28 Jul, pair in reed beds, Moitaka SP, first recent record for this site (RH).
- Orange-crowned Fairy-Wren *Clytomyias insignis*
13 Aug, 4, nr Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- Black Monarch *Monarcha axillaris*
18 Sep, 1 (white pectoral tufts seen well), Gares Lookout trail, Varirata NP (RH).
- Hooded Monarch *Monarcha manadensis*
2 Jul, 3, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Golden Monarch *Monarcha chrysomela*
11 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF); 26 Aug, 1 male, King Bird Tree (RH).
- Satin Flycatcher *Myiagra cyanoleuca*
4 & 6 Aug, Kiunga, Wes (BQP).
- Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto*
9 Sep, 1 female, Tahira mangroves (RH).
- Jacky Winter *Microeca leucophaea*
28 Jul, 1, UPNG (IB).

- Yellow-legged Flycatcher *Microeca griseiceps*
8 Aug, Varirata NP (BF); 24 Sep, 2, Koiari rd (IB).
- White-faced Robin *Tregellasia leucops*
24 Sep, 3 trapped, Koiari rd (IB).
- Mangrove Robin *Eopsaltria pulverulenta*
5 Aug, 2 nesting pairs, Hisiu mangroves (IB).
- Banded Yellow Robin *Poecilodryas placens*
22 Jul, 1, Veimauri (RH); 5 Aug, 6, Veimauri (IB); 9 & 11 Aug, Veimauri (BF).
- Northern Scrub-Robin *Drymodes supercilialis*
17 Sep, 1 trapped, Varirata NP (RH).
- Lesser Ground-Robin *Amalocichla incerta*
11 Aug, 1, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- White-winged Robin *Peneothello sigillatus*
13 Aug, 1, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- White-rumped Robin *Peneothello bimaculatus*
9 Aug, heard, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Black-headed Whistler *Pachycephala monacha*
A vocal inhabitant of garden trees, Ramu Sugar compound, Mor (GS).
- Grey Shrike-Thrush *Colluricincla harmonica*
Very vocal and conspicuous on Unitech campus, Lae, Mor throughout July. Not noticeably so common in previous years (GS).
- Variable Pitohui *Pitohui kirhocephalus*
5 Jul, 2, Kikori, Gul (IB).
- Black Pitohui *Pitohui nigrescens*
11 Aug, 1 female, nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- Wattled Ploughbill *Eulacestoma nigropectus*
14 Aug, 1 female, nr Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- Crested Berrypecker *Paramythia montium*
13 Aug, 8+, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- Yellow-bellied Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis*
19 Aug, 1 male of race *idenburgi* (with black underparts), Yimas Lakes, ESP (BF).
- New Guinea White-Eye *Zosterops novaeguineae*
24 Sep, c. 10, Koiari rd (IB).
- White-Eye *Zosterops* sp.
3 Sep, species not determined, but probably *Z. novaeguineae*, Gawam rd, Mor. First record for that area. A pair in a mixed feeding party with Golden Monarch *Monarcha chrysomela*, Spotted-winged Monarch *M. guttula*, Northern Fantail *Rhipidura rufiventris*, Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex*, and Gerygone sp (GS).
- Tawny Straightbill *Timeliopsis griseigula*
29 Jul, 3, trapped, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Yellow-bellied Longbill *Toxorhamphus novaeguineae*
3 Jul, 4, nr Kuri camp, Turama R, Gul (IB).
- Dwarf Honeyeater *Oedistoma iliolophus*
18 Sep, 1 feeding 1 fledged young, Varirata NP (RH).
- Green-backed Honeyeater *Glycichaera fallax*
16 Jul, 1 retrapped, King Bird Tree (IB); 11 Aug, Veimauri (BF).
- Silver-eared Honeyeater *Lichmera alboauricularis*
Common and noisy in garden trees, Ramu Sugar residential area, Mor. Song described in Beeher *et al.* is falling in pitch and accelerating. However, these birds had a song ascending in pitch and decelerating.
- Red-throated Myzomela *Myzomela eques*
18 Sep, 1 male, Gares Lookout trail, Varirata NP (RH).

- Spot-breasted Meliphaga *Meliphaga mimikae*
9 & 11 Aug, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Obscure Honeyeater *Lichenostomus obscurus*
9 Aug, heard, Veimauri logging tracks (BF).
- Plain Honeyeater *Pycnopygius ixioides*
26 Aug, 1, King Bird Tree (RH).
- Marbled Honeyeater *Pycnopygius cinereus*
6 Aug, 2, Koiari rd (IB); 11 - 12 Aug, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (BQP); 14 Aug, Iaru Pass, Mor (BF); 24 Sep, 2, Koiari rd (IB).
- Ornate Melidectes *Melidectes torquatus*
24 Sep, 1, Koiari rd (IB).
- Blue-faced Parrot-Finch *Erythrura trichroa*
10 Aug, heard, Varirata NP (BF); 11 Aug, heard, Veimauri logging tracks (BF); 11 Aug, 2, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB); 12 Aug, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (BQP); 14 Aug, Iaru Pass, Mor (BF); 16 Aug, Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (BQP); 22 - 24 Aug, Tari Gap, SHP (BF).
- Papuan Parrot-Finch *Erythrura papuana*
11 Aug, 3, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).
- Mountain Firetail *Oreostruthus fuliginosus*
11 - 15 Aug, Tari Gap, SHP (BQP).
- Mountain Drongo *Chaetorhynchus papuensis*
24 Sep, 1, Koiari rd (IB).
- Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*
Seen in a coconut palm in an urban garden, nr Lae showground, Mor (GS).
- Torrent-Lark *Grallina bruijni*
9 Aug, 4, Tabubil, Wes (BQP); 16 Aug, 2, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (BQP).
- Spotted Catbird *Ailuroedus melanotis*
6 Aug, 4, Koiari rd (IB).
- Archbold's Bowerbird *Archboldia papuensis*
14 & 15 Aug, Tari Gap, SHP (BQP); 14 Aug, 1 male & 1 female, nr bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (IB); 22 Aug, Tari Gap (BF).
- Macgregor's Bowerbird *Amblyornis macgregoriae*
12 Aug, 1 male, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB).
- Streaked Bowerbird *Amblyornis subalaris*
24 Sep, 1 female feeding in bamboo thicket and 1 male perched in a *Nothofagus* tree, Koiari rd (IB).
- Flame Bowerbird *Sericulus aureus*
4 & 6 Aug, nr Kiunga, Wes (RD & JM).
- Crested Bird of Paradise *Cnemophilus macgregorii*
13 Aug, 1 female, Tari Gap, SHP (IB); 22 Aug, Tari Gap, SHP (BF).
- Glossy-mantled Manucode *Manucodia atra*
3 Sep, 1 pr, nesting in the grounds of the Kokoda Trail Motel (IB).
- Trumpet Manucode *Manucodia keraudrenii*
20 Aug, Pair at "viewpoint" c. 400 m along Gares Lookout trail, Varirata NP. Male puffed up throat feathers and "yodelled" (AL).
- Short-tailed Paradigalla *Paradigalla brevicauda*
11 Aug, 1, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB); 22 & 23 Aug, Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (BF).
- Magnificent Riflebird *Ptiloris magnificus*
4 Aug, 1 male displaying, King Bird Tree (IB); 3 Sep, 1 male, perched on an exposed branch calling repeatedly, glossy breast iridescence and plumes under wing visible, Gawam rd, Mor (GS).
- Buff-tailed Sicklebill *Epimachus albertisi*
11 Aug, 1 female feeding in moss covered tree at Ambua Lodge, Tari, SHP (IB).

- Black Sicklebill *Epimachus fastuosus*
11 - 13 Aug, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (BQP & IB).
- Brown Sicklebill *Epimachus meyeri*
13 Aug, 3 females, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- Ribbon-tailed Astrapia *Astrapia mayeri*
11 - 15 Aug, Tari Gap, SHP (BQP).
- Stephanie's Astrapia *Astrapia stephaniae*
13 Aug, 6, Bailey bridge - Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- Superb Bird of Paradise *Lophorina superba*
6 Aug, 1 female, Koiari rd (IB); 12 Aug, c. 8 Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB); 24 Sep, 2 females trapped, Koiari rd (IB).
- Lawes' Parotia *Parotia lawesii*
6 Aug, 3 females, Koiari rd (IB); 12 Aug, 2 males & 2 females, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB).
- King of Saxony Bird of Paradise *Pteridophora alberti*
13 Aug, 1 female, Tari Gap, SHP & 1 male, nr Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, SHP (IB).
- King Bird of Paradise *Cicinnurus regius*
16 Jul & 4 Aug, 1 male, King Bird Tree (IB).
- Magnificent Bird of Paradise *Cicinnurus magnificus*
24 Jul, 1 female trapped, Varirata NP (RH); 6 Aug, 1 female, Koiari rd (IB).
- Blue Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea rudolphi*
12 Aug, 1 male, Banari rd, nr Tari, SHP (IB).
- Grey Crow *Corvus tristis*
5 Aug, 8+, Veimauri (IB).

REVIEW

A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF HAWAII AND THE TROPICAL PACIFIC

BY H.D. PRATT, P.L. BRUNER & D.G. BERRETT

Princeton University Press, New Jersey, 1987. 407 pages, 45 colour plates plus line drawings and maps.

For many bird watchers owning bird books is almost as much fun as watching the birds themselves and this book is no exception, as it does not involve getting up before dawn and missing breakfast, swatting mosquitoes in the forest, or changing a wheel on a jeep in the rain. For me, owning a field guide for a place I have not yet visited is a special pleasure, enabling me to plan the trip and anticipate the birds to be seen, which may be the closest I ever get to many of them.

This book is beautifully produced, as would be expected from Princeton University Press, publisher of "Birds of New Guinea" (Beehler *et al.* 1986), and it contains much interesting information which can be read while waiting at airstrips or harbours to hop from one island to another.

Geographically it covers the Hawaiian Islands, Micronesia, Polynesia and Fiji, but excludes Melanesia (New Guinea, the Bismarck archipelago, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia) to the west and Easter Island (which is just south of the Tropic of Capricorn) to the east. While there are other bird guides for some of the islands covered, this is the only one to include them all in one volume, and it is sure to become the standard field guide for the Pacific. The bulk of the book consists of species descriptions arranged taxonomically. All breeding species and regular visitors, from the familiar Sacred Kingfisher and Pacific Swallow to the exotic Tooth-billed Pigeon and Orange Dove, are illustrated on more than 40 excellent colour plates towards the back. The rarer visitors are shown in about 50 beautiful black and white illustrations. In order to indicate which birds are likely to be seen on which islands, the land birds are grouped on plates according to their place of origin, so that pigeons are on plate 21 for Micronesia and on plates 26 and 27 for Polynesia. Introduced species have 4 plates of their own.

To help plan a birding trip, and to present information on bird distribution concisely, there are 6 regional checklists, and an appendix of maps shows the position of all islands mentioned in the text. There is a glossary, an index to bird names and an extensive bibliography. I was particularly pleased to see information included on the different kinds of islands in the Pacific (continental and oceanic) and information on habitats, illustrated by several black and white photographs. The colour plates of plants of importance to birds and birders sets a trend that, as a botanist, I hope other field guides will follow.

Although an extensive section would have been out of place in a field guide, I would have liked to have seen some information about the affinities of the birds, especially the land birds of the different island groups. If one were very keen or knowledgeable, this could be worked out from the checklists, knowing where else the genera occur. Diamond and Mayr have written about the origin, distribution and speciation patterns of Pacific birds, but it would have been nice to see views of Pratt *et al.* as well.

A few Pacific island endemics are already extinct, with interesting names like Oahu Oo and Akialoa, and a considerable number are rare or endangered, including the Hawaiian Goose and Coot illustrated on the front cover. Besides listing extinct and endangered species, a section on conservation discusses threats such as the presence of mosquitoes on Hawaii and introduced brown tree snakes on Guam. Outside of Hawaii, there seem to be few reserves.

I actually borrowed a copy of the book to write this review and now I shall have to go and buy my own, to take with me on my trip to Western Samoa to see Tooth-billed Pigeon and to peruse during the long tropical evenings, while I save up the air fare.

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