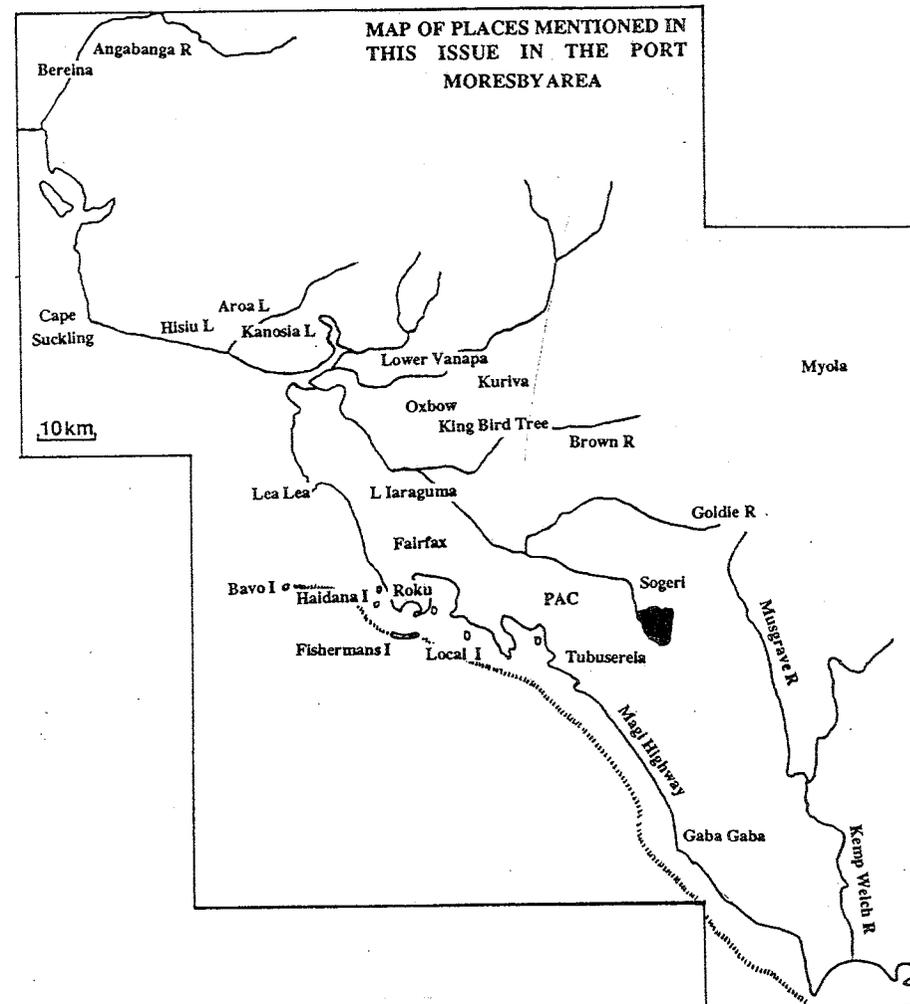


- Tawny-breasted Honeyeater *Xanthotis flaviventer*
13 May, 1, King Bird Tree (RGS).
- Sooty Melidectes *Melidectes fuscus*
24 Jun, 1, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Yellow-browed Melidectes *Melidectes rufocrissalis*
26 Jun, 1, Banari rd, Tari, SHP (CE).
- Rufous-banded Honeyeater *Conopophila albogularis*
10 May, 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.*).



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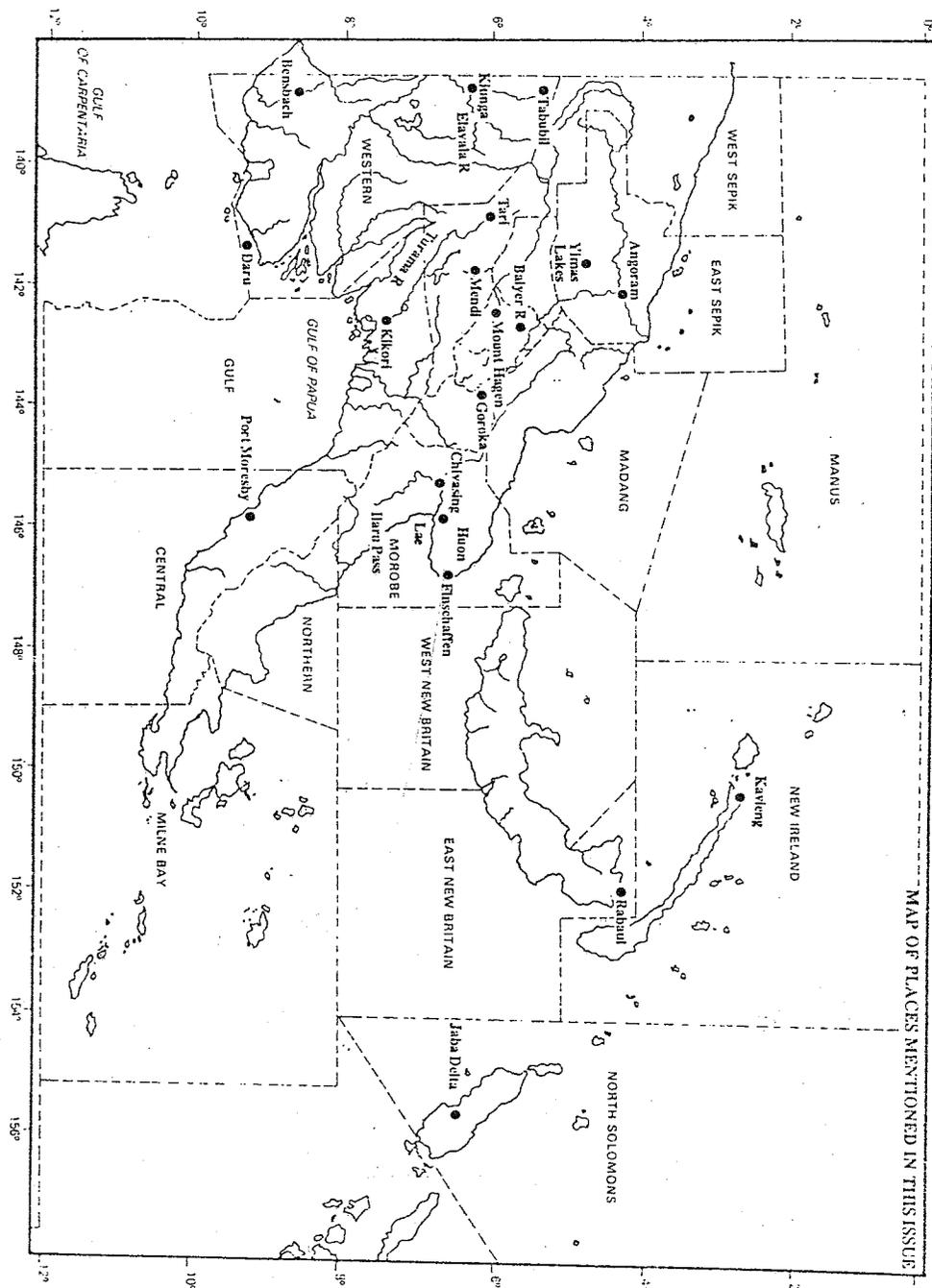
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Abbreviations: ad = adult; Cen = Central Province; EHP = Eastern Highlands Province; ENB = East New Britain Province; ESP = East Sepik Province; Fm = Farm; I = Island; imm = immature; juv = juvenile; L = Lake; Mor = Morobe Province; NP = National Park; 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). | |



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