

## EDITORIAL

This issue of *Muruk* includes bird lists and comments from a wide range of localities within PNG: Milne Bay and New Ireland in the north, Tari in the west, Woodlark Island in the east and many places in between. Hopefully, these articles may inspire others to record their observations from other areas of PNG.

Of particular interest is Geoff Smith's "Bird Watching around Lae". Where-to-Watch-Birds articles are always welcome and are useful not only to resident bird watchers but to visitors, who want to maximize the number of species seen in the time available to them. We have several similar articles in the pipeline, but more would be appreciated. We currently lack coverage of the Sepik and the Highlands (except for Tari).

Very few people have supplied their records for inclusion in "Recent Observations" during 1990. The knowledge of the status of birds will fade away without input from both members and visitors. Of particular interest are observations of nesting birds (the breeding seasons for many PNG species are poorly known and, for a large proportion, nests and eggs are not described); observations of birds of prey, particularly display song behaviour when compared with Beshler *et al.* (1986) or Coates (1985 & 1990); observations of orphans etc. Please, please submit your observations to the editor.

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