

BIRDS NEAR LARONU VILLAGE, DOROBISORO, CENTRAL PROVINCE

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Dorobisoro is a small government station situated east of Port Moresby, at about 300 m altitude. A flight by light aircraft usually takes 30 minutes. The vegetation there is largely rainforest with *Eucalyptus* savanna surrounding the human habitation. The forest has been very vital in supplying my village people with raw material, especially wood and animal; food sources (*wel abus*).

My village, Laronu, is bisected by the Kemp Welch River that runs down from the mountains to the north. I arrived at my village on the 3rd December 1991 and returned to Port Moresby on January 2 1992. During the month I bird-watched around the village and the surrounding forest. Most of the more spectacular birds, like the Buff-tailed Sicklebill *Epimachus albertisi*, Trumpet Manucode *Manucodia keraudrenii*, Macgregor's Bowerbird *Amblyornis macgregoriae*, and Wattled Brush-Turkey *Aepypodius arfakianus*, were seen in the forest about a days walk on the slopes of Mt. Obree. I camped with some boys from my village at this site for four days. The list includes species seen between 300 and 3065 m altitude.

BIRDLIST

Local names are given in **bold**
fi = forest interior
fe = forest edge
s = savanna
r = along river
sf = secondary forest

Dwarf Cassowary fi **Kuboru**
Black-billed Brush-Turkey fi **Huri**
Wattled Brush-Turkey fi **Ina**
Common Scrubfowl fi **Huri Hauia**
Brahminy Kite s **Edomiri**
New Guinea Harpy-Eagle fi **Buru**
Emerald Ground-Dove fi, sf **Iunu Sabanu**
Stephan's Ground-Dove fi, sf **Iunu Sabanu**
Pheasant Pigeon fi, sf **Iobei**
Great Cuckoo-Dove fi, sf, fe **Une Sahu**
Brown Cuckoo-Dove fi, sf, fe **Une**
White-breasted Fruit-Dove fi **Yubue**

Wompoo Fruit-Dove fi, sf **Hauvore**
Superb Fruit-Dove fi, sf **Iavanu**
Zoe Imperial Pigeon fi **Bune**
Papuan Mountain Pigeon fi **Aheru**
Rufescent Imperial Pigeon fi **Bune**
Papuan Lorikeet fi, fe **Ua-a**
Western Black-capped Lory fi, sf **Viruina**
Papuan King-Parrot fi, sf **Ini**
Eclectus Parrot fi **Baraiki**
Buff-faced Pygmy-Parrot fi **Maki Maki**
Brush Cuckoo fe, sf **Une Kokori**
Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher fi, sf
Iauvo Kao
Dwarf Kingfisher sf, fe **Konibora-a**
Yellow-billed Kingfisher sf, fe **Takiroro**
Dollarbird fe, sf **Kako**
Barking Owl fi **Isiro**
Papuan Frogmouth fi, sf **Maobu**
Mountain Owlet-Nightjar fi **Kikabironi**

Moustached Tree-Swift fe, sf **Ka-ara**
Glossy Swiftlet s **Amai**
Chestnut-backed Jewel-Babbler fi, sf **Soso**
Blue-breasted Pitta fi **Oivo**
Stout-billed Cuckoo-Shrike fi, sf **Osobu**
Grey-headed Cuckoo-Shrike sf **Surari**
Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-Shrike s, sf **Surari**
White-shouldered Fairy-Wren s **Siri Siri**
Tawny Grassbird s **Baka Kikeo**
Rusty Mouse-Warbler fi, sf **Uomu**
Pale-billed Scrub-Wren fi **Tetea**
Chestnut-bellied Fantail fi **Akinu**
Black Fantail fi **Akinu**
Friendly Fantail fi **Akinu**
Frisled Monarch fi, sf
Mountain Peltops fe, sf **Siri Kokoina**
White-faced Robin fi, sf **Niri Ruori**
Black-breasted Boatbill fi
Dwarf Whistler fi **Iku Maki**
Regent Whistler fi **Bibiso**
Little Shrike-Thrush fi, sf, fe **U-Uro Bini**
Hooded Pitohui fi, sf, fe **Soroka**
Papuan Flowerpecker fi, sf **Iemus**
Black-fronted White-Eye sf, fe **Suvia**
Slaty-chinned Longbill sf, fi, fe **Subi**
Dwarf Honeyeater fi, sf, fe
Mountain Red-headed Myzomela fi, sf **Bitei**
Red-collared Myzomela fi, sf **Bitei**
Black-throated Honeyeater fi **Mitai**

Mimic Meliphaga fi, sf, fe **Mitai**
Common Smoky Honeyeater fi, sf **Ineka**
Belford's Melidectes fi, sf **Ivaho**
Ornate Melidectes fi **Moroa**
Helmeted Friarbird s, sf **Usou**
Long-billed Honeyeater fi, sf
Blue-faced Parrot-Finch fi, sf **Siribai**
Grey-headed Mannikin s **Mararu Rieku**
Spangled Drongo fi, sf **Kisio Kisio**
Mountain Drongo fi, sf **Kisio Kisio**
Brown Oriole fe, sf
Torrent-Lark r **Siudi**
Great Wood-Swallow sf, fe **Seseva**
Black Butcherbird sf, fi **Aukoko**
Hooded Butcherbird sf, s **Kaukoro**
Spotted Catbird fi, fe **Nuaino**
White-eared Catbird fi, fe **Nuaino**
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird sf **Sea**
Macgregor's Bowerbird fi **Auvo**
Trumpet Manucode fi **Namanu**
Crinkle-collared Manucode fi **Namunu**
Magnificent Riflebird fi, fe, sf **Aroa**
Brown Sicklebill fi **Magen**
Buff-tailed Sicklebill fi **Kuovi**
Stephanie's Astrapia fi **Usisu**
Magnificent Bird of Paradise fi **Sihi**
Raggiana Bird of Paradise fi, fe, sf **Ravai**
Grey Crow sf, fe **Koema**

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