

EDITORIAL

This issue, Volume 6 number 3, June 1994, concludes the present volume. The aim is to produce 3 issues of *Muruk* during a 12 month period and we are now back on schedule. We are pleased to publish papers in this issue about the birds of little studied areas. Given the rapid pace of development in PNG such baseline inventory studies will assume increasing significance when hard choices about the best usage of the environment have to be made.

The issue also carries a summary of major sightings over the past 3 years, with some revised criteria applying to what is published:

E = Extension of range, records away from previously known range.

A = Altitudinal extension of range.

B = Breeding records, lacking for many quite common species.

R = Rare, scarce or seldom recorded species.

M = Migrants, with first and last dates of interest or numerical records of note.

G = General interest, may be behavioural, unusual numbers or localities, plumage abnormalities etc.

Records not fitting the above categories are usually from lesser known areas.

Contributors have been very few in recent years, and we encourage both residents and visitors to submit their records. Please use the above criteria as guidelines.

We particularly welcome copies of tour group reports, as many interesting sightings lie hidden in these inaccessible databases and it is a courtesy to the host country to make copies available to the PNGBS.

Such reports form part of our archives, and only excerpts would be used if such permission is given.

Feedback to notes and papers is welcomed, if you know better please write and tell us, we will be happy to publish, a major aim being to stimulate study and increase the knowledge of New Guinea birds.

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COVER: Dwarf Cassowary head study by Jones Hiaso

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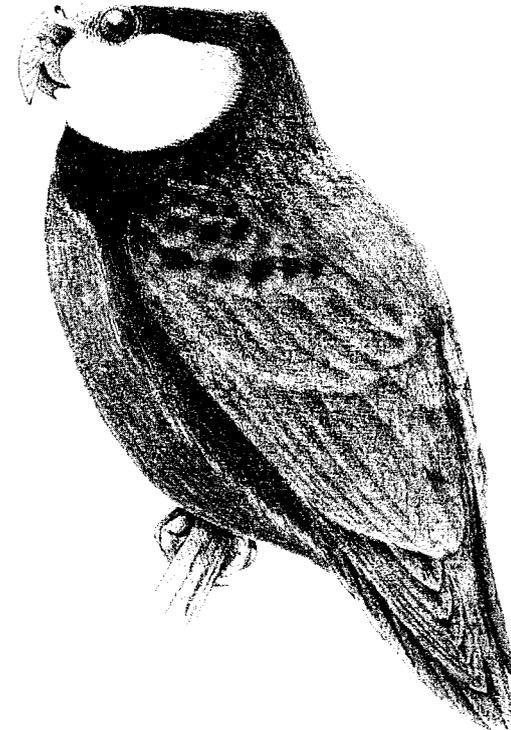
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