

rarely seen alone. Just how this solitary individual reached the Port Moresby district will probably never be known. There had, however, recently been a series of tropical cyclones off the NE coast of Queensland and it seemed likely that one of these resulted in its occurrence.

The other observers present when the bird was first sighted were Brad and Cassandra Warrick and John (Jay) Kistler, all visitors from the USA. Later that day the bird was shown to Len Tolhurst. The bird remained at this site for several months and was seen by many observers including Ian Burrows and Phil Gregory on 13 March. What was presumably the same individual reappeared on 20 November 1994 (L. Tolhurst *in litt.*).

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JUVENILE PAPUAN HAWK-OWL *Uroglaux dimorpha* NEAR VANIMO

by Noam Shany

During the morning of 11 August 1992, Hector Gomes de Silva and I were searching for Pale-billed Sicklebills *Epimachus bruijnii* along the road from Passy to Waterstone. We noticed a noisy flock of Tawny-breasted Honeyeaters *Xanthotis flaviventer* voicing alarm calls and echoed by Variable Pitohuis *Pitohui kirhocephalus*. A short look for the cause of this excitement revealed a juvenile Papuan Hawk-owl roosting in a roadside bush at about 3.5m above the ground.

The road is located on the edge of a flood-plain; a second growth forest grows alongside the road. The escarpment is just 100m away so the elevation is about 50m above sea -level.

The Papuan Hawk-owl is a small-headed, slender-bodied and long-tailed owl. The bird had all white underparts and face, and was therefore determined to be a downy fledgling. The upperparts were all dark frosty grey, the head and forehead streaked and the back diffusely barred. The undertail was white and faintly barred with 3-4 narrow pale bars. The large eyes with yellow irides were located on a non-typical facial disc: the eyes were positioned a bit to the side of the head. The feet were yellow.

To our enjoyment the owl was motionless and ignored the activity around it. It was bothered only by some dust that had got into its eye, and which caused it to blink rapidly for a few minutes. We watched for about 40 minutes then continued our search for the sicklebill, which we never found. Instead, we observed Edward's Fig-parrot *Psittaculirostris edwardsii* and numerous fruit-doves *Ptilinopus* spp. foraging on a fruiting fig tree. On the way back, two hours later, we found the owl still present on the same branch.

(Editor's note: This record is the only reasonably recent Papuan Hawk-owl sighting of which the PNGBS is aware, which led to the species being listed as data deficient in "Birds To Watch 2" by Collar, N. J., Crosby, M. J. and Stattersfield A. 1994. BirdLife International. The bird concerned being a juvenile is particularly noteworthy as breeding data are almost non-existent.)

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LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA DURING THE PERIOD 16 OCTOBER, 1992 TO 29 NOVEMBER, 1992

by Allan Richards and Richard Rowland

Richard Rowland and I spent six weeks on a bird-watching trip to Papua New Guinea during the period from 16 October, 1992 to 29 November, 1992.

AREAS VISITED

Port Moresby area

17/10/92

A day trip to Varirata National Park (N. P.) and to the area around the Monument at the beginning of the Kokoda Trail.

18/10/92

Moitaka settling ponds.

Ambua Lodge, Tari - 19/10/92 to 27/10/92.

Day trips along trails around the Lodge; to the Bailey bridge and Tari Gap; along Banari Road below the Lodge; and by coach to various sites in the Tari valley.

Tabubil - 27/10/92 to 1/11/92 and 5/11/92 to 6/11/92

Day trips to Mt. Binnie and Mt. Robinson near the Ok Tedi mine; along Dablin Creek Road just north of Tabubil township; to Ok Menga and along Ok Ma Road.

Kiunga - 1/11/92 to 5/11/92.

Two morning walks to an old logging area about 8 km north of Kiunga. One day trip by boat as far as possible along the Fly and Elevala Rivers. Another boat trip to an unknown village on the Elevala River, then by vehicle over 10 km along a road, walking back to the boat.

6/11/92

Flew from Tabubil to Vanimo, stopping at several villages on the way including Telefomin.

Vanimo - 6/11/92 to 12/11/92

We hitched rides as far as the Sossy logging camp along the Bewani Road west of Vanimo and generally walked most of the way back to Vanimo, sometimes hitching from the corner of the Bewani Road. Brief visits to airstrip verges to observe waders at a high-tide roost

Madang - 12/11/92 to 13/11/92 and 15/11/92 to 16/11/92

Two stop-overs on our way to and from Karkar Island.

Karkar Island - 13/11/92 to 15/11/92

Travelled by boat both ways between Madang and Karkar Island. Stayed at a village about an hour's drive east of the wharf and birdwatched in the plantations and forest above that village.

Wasu-Satop area, Huon Peninsula - 16/11/92 to 20/11/92

Travelled by boat from Madang to Wasu on 16/11/92. Stayed in Satop village for two nights and birded along the road above Satop as far as the Gap. Returned to Wasu for one night and then flew to Lae on 20/11/92 and to Port Moresby on 21/11/92.

22/11/92 and 23/11/92

Took it easy in Port Moresby.

Varirata National Park - 24/11/92 to 28/11/92

Stayed in the Park and birded along most of the trails although we concentrated on the Circuit Loop.

Brown River and Vanapa - 28/11/92

Visited these areas by vehicle but it was very hot and had difficulty finding the areas. Not a very productive day for bird-watching.

29/11/92. Flew out from Port Moresby for Sydney.

ANNOTATED SPECIES LIST

Below is a list of birds that we observed on our trip. Observations were generally made while walking along roads or trails or from boats. A total of 351 species were recorded.

Nomenclature generally follows Beehler B. M., Pratt T. K. and Zimmerman D. A. (1986) *Birds of New Guinea*, Princeton University Press, except where noted.

Dwarf Cassowary *Casuarius bennetti*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11, 1 there on 26/11

Tahiti Petrel *Pseudobulweria rostrata*

250+ from the boat from Madang to Wasu on 16/11

Australasian Little Grebe *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel*

c.20 from boat from Madang to Karkar Island on 13/11, a single bird on return trip on 15/11

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10

Little Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*

3 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 4 along Fly River on 3/11 and 3 there on 4/11

Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*

One at Vanapa on 28/11.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

c.20 from boat from Madang to Karkar Island on 13/11. 6 from boat from Madang to Wasu on 16/11

Great Egret *Egretta alba*

Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. A single bird along Fly River on 4/11.

Pied Heron *Egretta picata*

Abundant at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Present on lily-ponds in Madang on 12/11 and 16/11.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 1 at Vanapa on 28/11.

Cattle Egret *Egretta ibis*

Several seen at Port Moresby airport on 16/10. 50+ from bus from Port Moresby to Varirata N.P. on 17/10.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Eastern Reef-Egret *Egretta sacra*

One from boat from Karkar Island to Madang on 15/11

Striated Heron *Ardeola striata*

One along the Fly River on 4/11

Rufous Night-Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

2 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

One along the Fly River on 3/11.

Crested Hawk *Aviceda subcristata*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 2 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 2 along Fly River on 4/11.

Long-tailed Buzzard *Henicoperis longicauda*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 below Tari Gap on 24/10. 1 above Ambua Lodge on 26/10. 1 along Ok Tedi Road, Tabubil, on 27/10. 2 on Ok Ma Road on 29/10. 1 near Mt. Robinson on 31/10. 1 near Kiunga on 2/11. 1 along Fly River on 4/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11 and again on 10/11 and 11/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Only birds noted were those present around Madang Wharf on 13/11.

Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*

One from bus from Port Moresby to Varirata N.P. on 17/10. Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 1 at Brown River on 28/11.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. A single bird along Ok Tedi Road, Tabubil, on 27/10. 1 on Dablin Creek Road, Tabubil on 29/10. 3 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 2 at Kiunga 2/11. Common along Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

One along the Fly River on 4/11.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus*

An immature bird in Tari valley on 22/10. 1 along the Fly River on 4/11. 1 at Wasu airstrip 19/11.

Grey Goshawk *Accipiter novaehollandiae*

One in Tari valley on 22/10. 1 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 2 along Fly River on 4/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 9/11. 1 at Brown River 28/11.

Black-mantled Goshawk *Accipiter melanochlamys*

A sub-adult in Tari valley on 22/10.

Grey-headed Goshawk *Accipiter poliocephalus*

One near Mt. Robinson on 31/10. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 9/11; 1 at Satop on 18/11.

Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrocephalus*

One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 1 near Koki Market, Port Moresby on 18/10.

Little Eagle *Hieraetus morphnoides*

One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 1 dark-phase bird at Ok Menga on 30/10. 1 dark-phase at Dablin Creek Road, Tabubil on 29/10.

- Brown Falcon** *Falco berigora*
One seen at Satop on 18/11.
- Spotted Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna guttata*
c.30 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Wandering Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata*
c.30 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Present on lily-ponds in Madang on 12/11 and 16/11.
- White-headed Shelduck** *Tadorna radjah*
7 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Green Pygmy-goose** *Nettapus pulchellus*
4 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Grey Teal** *Anas gibberifrons*
One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10
- Pacific Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa*
3 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 2 in Tari valley on 22/10.
- Common Scrub-fowl** *Megapodius freycinet*
One on Karkar Island on 15/11. 2 seen near Wasu on 19/11.
- Black-billed Brush-turkey** *Talegalla fuscirostris*
2 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11; with 2 plus a chick there on 25/11; 1 on 26/11; 3 on 27/11.
- Brown Quail** *Coturnix australis*
One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- White-browed Crane** *Porzana cinerea*
Common on lily-ponds in Madang on 12/11 and 16/11.
- Dusky Moorhen** *Gallinula tenebrosa*
Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Purple Swampphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio*
Abundant at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Comb-crested Jacana** *Irediparra gallinacea*
Very common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Common on lily-ponds in Madang on 12/11 and 16/11.
- White-headed Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*
Very common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles*
3 seen from bus from Port Moresby to Varirata N.P. on 17/10; common at Moitaka ponds 18/10.
- Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*
Present at Vanimo on 7/11, not counted.
- Lesser Golden Plover** *Pluvialis dominica (fulva)*
Present at Telefomin airstrip on 6/11 and on Wasu airstrip on 19/11, no counts made.
- Mongolian Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*
Several at high-tide roost on airfield at Vanimo on 7/11, not counted.
- Large Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii*
Several on Vanimo airfield on 7/11.
- Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*
5 on Vanimo airfield on 7/11.
- Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*
Present on Telefomin airstrip on 6/11. 3 on Vanimo airfield on 7/11. One on Wasu airstrip 19/11.
- Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
One on Vanimo Airstrip on 7/11.
- Grey-tailed Tattler** *Tringa brevipes*
Present along beach and at Vanimo airstrip on 7/11, not counted.

- Common Sandpiper** *Tringa hypoleucos*
One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Common along Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11. Present along creeks on Karkar Island from 13/11 to 15/11.
- Swinhoe's Snipe** *Gallinago megala*
Birds thought to be this species present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10 and at the Pacific Adventist College grounds on 22/11. Calls of c.10 birds on Vanimo airstrip were compared to pre-recorded calls of 3 snipe species and it was considered that the calls of these birds best matched those of Swinhoe's Snipe. The flight jizz also appeared to be different from that of Latham's Snipe (*G. hardwickii*)
- Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*
50+ at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata*
50+ at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*
Present on Vanimo airfield on 7/11, number not noted.
- Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*
6 from boat from Madang to Wasu on 16/11.
- Pomarine Skua** *Stercorarius pomarinus*
c.20 from boat from Madang to Wasu on 16/11.
- Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybridus*
Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. No counts made.
- Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. No counts made.
- Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*
3 from boat from to Wasu on 16/11.
- Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus*
100+ from boat from to Wasu on 16/11.
- Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*
3 from boat from Karkar Island to Madang on 15/11.
- Crested-Tern** *Sterna bergii*
c.15 from boat from Madang to Karkar Island on 13/11. Present but not counted on return journey on 15/11. Present from boat from Madang to Wasu on 16/11. No counts made.
- Brown Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia amboinensis*
Fairly common at Varirata N.P. on each visit, no counts made. c.5 at Ok Tedi Road, Tabubil, on 27/10. Present on Mt. Robinson, Ok Tedi on 28/10, no counts made. 3 at Ok Menga on 30/10. Common at Mount Binnie, Ok Tedi on 31/10, no counts made. 3 at Mt. Robinson, Ok Tedi on 31/10. Common along Fly River on 3/11, no counts made. 2 near Sossy logging camp area on 10/11. Present between Satop and the Gap on 18/11, no counts made. Present at Vanapa on 28/11 but not counted.
- Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia nigrirostris*
2 feeding on *Homalanthus* berries above Ambua Lodge on 24/10. 6+ below Tari Gap on 26/10. 3 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 1 at Wasu on 17/11.
- Great Cuckoo-Dove** *Reinwardtoena reinwardtii*
3 along Fly River on 3/11. 1 displaying at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11 with 2 there on 9/11. 2 above Satop on 18/11.
- Emerald Ground-Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*
2 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 with one there on 25/11. 1 at Vanapa on 28/11.
- Peaceful Dove** *Geopelia striata*
Common at Varirata N.P. on 17/10, no counts made. Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*
One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

White-bibbed Ground-Dove *Gallicolumba jobiensis*
One on the Circuit Loop, Varirata N.P. on 17/10.

Pheasant Pigeon *Otidiphaps nobilis*
2 at Varirata Lookout, Varirata N.P. on 26/11 with a single bird there on 27/11.

Southern Crowned-Pigeon *Goura scheepmakeri*
3 on the bank of the Fly River on 4/11.

Wompoo Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus magnificus*
One on Fly River on 3/11. 5 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11. Common on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11. No counts made. 3 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11. 1 at Vanapa on 28/11.

Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus perlatus*
One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. Several along the Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11. 3 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11. 2 at Brown River on 28/11.

Ornate Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus ornatus*
c.20 in a flowering tree on Mount Binnie, Ok Tedi, on 31/10. 2 above Satop on 18/11.

Superb Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus superbis*
3 at Dablin Creek Road, Ok Tedi, on 1/11. 3 on the Fly River on 3/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11. 1 on Karkar Island on 15/11. 2 at Varirata N.P. 24/11 with 3 there 25/11.

Beautiful Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus pulchellus*
3 at Dablin Creek Road, Ok Tedi, on 1/11. 1 near Kiunga on 2/11. 3 along Fly River on 3/11. Present on Fly River on 4/11. No counts made.

White-breasted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus rivoli*
A pair in Ambua Lodge grounds on 21/10. 1 between Lodge and Tari Gap on 21/10. 3 at Bailey bridge below Tari Gap on 22/10. 5 at Ambua Lodge on 23/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson, Ok Tedi on 28/10. 1 at Satop on 18/11.

Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus viridis*
One at Sossy logging camp, Vanimo on 8/11 with 2 there on 9/11.

Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus iozonus*
c.10 in Kiunga area on 2/11. 3 on Fly River on 3/11 and present on 4/11 but no counted. Common but not counted at Sossy logging camp, Vanimo on 8/11, 9/11 and 10/11. 4 at Brown River 28/11.

Dwarf Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus nanus*
3 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 at Brown River on 28/11.

Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon *Ducula rufigaster*
One along Fly River on 4/11.

Pinon Imperial Pigeon *Ducula pinon*
20+ on Fly River on 4/11. 4 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11 and 6 there on 10/11.

Zoe Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula zoeae*
4 on Fly River on 3/11 with 3 there on 4/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo, on 9/11. 3 on Karkar Island on 15/11. 3 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11.

Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor*
One on Karkar Island on 14/11. 3 at Wasu on 17/11. 1 at Vanapa River on 28/11.

Papuan Mountain Pigeon *Gymnophaps albertisii*
2 perched above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, on 21/10, with 1 there on 22/10 and at least 3, including displaying birds on 23/10. 1 above Helipad on Mount Robinson, Ok Tedi, on 28/10. c.10 on Mount Binnie, Ok Tedi, on 31/10. c.20 near Kiunga on 2/11. Present but not counted along Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11 and above Satop on 18/11. 20+ at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Brown Lory *Chalcopsitta duivenbodei*
6+ at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11 with 3 there on 9/11.

Greater Streaked Lory *Chalcopsitta scintillata*
2 near Kiunga on 2/11. 3 on Fly River on 4/11.

Dusky Lory *Pseudeos fuscata*
10+ below Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 23/10, with 3 there on 25/10. Hundreds over Ok Ma Road, Tabubil, on evening of 29/10. c.30 at Ok Menga on 30/10. c.10 on Mt. Binnie on 31/10. 30+ along Fly River on 3/11, also present but not counted on 4/11. Present above Satop on 18/11.

Rainbow Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus*
Abundant at Varirata N.P. Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Common around Tabubil. 4 at Dablin Creek Road, Tabubil, on 29/10. 3 on Fly River on 4/11. 4 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 7/11, also present on 8/11 and 9/11. Common on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11. Present above Satop on 18/11.

Goldie's Lorikeet *Trichoglossus goldiei*
2 below Tari Gap on 20/10 and 2 at Mt. Binnie, Ok Tedi, on 31/10 were the only ones seen well.

Western Black-capped Lory *Lorius lory*
Fairly common at Varirata N.P. but no counts made. 2 at Dablin Creek Road, Tabubil, on 29/10. 2 at Ok Menga near Tabubil on 30/10. c.10 near Kiunga on 2/11. 3 on Fly River on 3/11 where present but not counted on 4/11. 3 at Sossy logging camp near Vanimo on 7/11 where present but not counted on 8/11. 3 at Satop on 18/11.

Pygmy Lorikeet *Charmosyna wilhelminae*
6+ on Mount Binnie, Ok Tedi on 31/10.

Red-chinned Lorikeet *Charmosyna rubrigularis*
Fairly common but elusive on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11, not counted.

Red-fronted Lorikeet *Charmosyna rubronotata*
Common at a fruiting tree at Km 17 near Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11, 9/11 and 10/11. No estimates of numbers made.

Red-flanked Lorikeet *Charmosyna placensis*
Several at a fruiting tree near Kiunga on 5/11. 4+ at the fruiting tree at Km 17 near Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 10/11.

Papuan Lorikeet *Charmosyna papou*
2 below Tari Gap on 20/10. 3 over Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 21/10. 6 on Mt. Binnie on 31/10. 1 at Satop on 18/11.

Plum-faced Lorikeet *Oreopsittacus arfaki*
2 below Tari Gap on 20/10, with 2 there on 21/10 and 2 on 22/10 and present but not counted on 23/10.

Yellow-billed Lorikeet *Neopsittacus musschenbroekii*
One seen well along the Waterfall Trail at Ambua Lodge on 19/10 with several parties seen 20/10, and 3 there on 21/10. 2 perched at Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 22/10 and present but not counted between Tari Gap and Ambua Lodge on 23/10 and 25/10.

Orange-billed Lorikeet *Neopsittacus pullicauda*
Present but not counted at Ambua Lodge on 23/10 and 25/10; this and the above species forming mixed flocks.

Palm Cockatoo *Probosciger aterrimus*
c.10 on Fly River on 3/11 with 3 there on 4/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 8/11. 2 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita*
One at Tabubil on 27/10. 1 at Ok Ma on 29/10. 2 on Fly River on 3/11 with 3 there on 4/11. 3 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 7/11 with 3 there on 8/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11.

Buff-faced Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta pusio*

6+ on Karkar Island on 14/11.

Yellow-capped Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta keiensis*

2 near Kiunga on 2/11.

Red-breasted Pygmy-Parrot *Micropsitta bruijnii*

A female on Mt. Binnie on 31/10. This bird differed from illustration in Beehler, Pratt and Zimmerman by having a more extensive powdery blue cap, a blackish line through the eye, and a more extensive yellowish-buff forehead. It also had a red spot on the vent as well as a red-tail tip. (ref. Gregory 1994... Ed.)

Orange-breasted Fig-Parrot *Cyclopsitta gulelmiterti*

2 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 8 at Dablin Creek Road, Ok Tedi on 29/10, with 2 there on 1/11. Common but not counted near Kiunga on 2/11 and along the Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11.

Double-eyed Fig-Parrot *Cyclopsitta diopthalma*

3 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 7/11.

Large Fig-Parrot *Psittaculirostris desmarestii*

2 near Kiunga on 2/11. 3 on Fly River on 4/11.

Edwards' Fig-Parrot *Psittaculirostris edwardsii*

6+ at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo on 7/11.

Brehm's Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella brehmii*

A male below Tari Gap on 20/10.

Modest Tiger-Parrot *Psittacella modesta*

A male below Bailey bridge on 25/10.

Red-cheeked Parrot *Geoffroyus geoffroyi*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. c.20 near Kiunga on 2/11. Common on Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11. 3 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo, on 7/11 and present but not counted on 8/11. 3 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11.

Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus*

2 at Tabubil on 28/10. 2 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 4 at Dablin Creek Road, Tabubil on 1/11. 6 near Kiunga on 2/11. c.20 along Fly River on 3/11 where common but not counted on 4/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo, on 7/11 and present but not counted there on 8/11. 1 above Satop on 18/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11. 2 at Vanapa on 28/11.

Vulturine Parrot *Psittichas fulgidus*

One at Dablin Creek Road, Tabubil, on 29/10. 2 at Ok Ma Road, Tabubil. on 29/10. 2 above Satop on 18/11.

Papuan King-Parrot *Alisterus chloropterus*

3 near Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 25/10 with 1 there on 26/10.

Papuan Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus aurantiifrons*

3 at Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo. on 9/11.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*

One on Ok Ma Road, Tabubil, on 29/10. 1 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 2 on Fly River on 3/11 and 1 there on 4/11.

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus*

One seen near Kiunga on 2/11. Common on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11. Many others heard.

Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis castaneiventris*

One at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10.

Rufous-throated Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx ruficollis*

One near Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 25/10.

Common Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*

3 near Kiunga on 5/11.

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae*

c.8 along Fly River on 4/11.

Greater Black Coucal *Centropus menbeki*

One seen well near Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo, on 9/11 and 2 on 10/11. 1 at Vanapa 28/11.

Pheasant Coucal *Centropus phasianinus*

Fairly common at Kokoda Monument on 17/10. Common at Varirata N.P. on each visit. Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 1 near Sossy logging camp area on 9/11 and 3 on 10/11. Present at Brown River and Vanapa on 28/11 but not counted.

Lesser Black Coucal *Centropus bernsteini*

One near Vanimo on 9/11 and a pair on 10/11. 2 at Wasu on 19/11.

Papuan Boobook *Ninox theomacha*

2 spotlighted in Ambua Lodge grounds on 21/10. One heard in Tabubil on 28/10.

Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis*

One spotlighted along river in Tabubil on 28/10.

Mountain Nightjar *Eurostopodus archboldi*

One incubating an egg near the Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 23 & 24/10 (Rowland 1994). (Editor's note: The first published record of breeding for this species).

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*

Heard at Varirata N.P. on 26/11.

Moustached Tree-swift *Hemiprocne mystacea*

2 at Tabubil on 28/10. 30+ at Ok Menga on 30/10. Common at Sossy logging camp area on 8/11, 9/11 and 10/11.

Uniform Swiftlet *Collocalia vanikorensis*

Present at Ok Tedi, Ok Menga, Tabubil area, and Kiunga/Fly River area but no counts made.

Mountain Swiftlet *Collocalia hirundinacea*

Present around Ambua Lodge but no counts made.

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*

Present above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap; Dablin Creek Road, Ok Menga, Mt. Robinson area, Sossy logging camp area and Karkar Island.

Papuan Spine-tailed Swift *Mearnsia novaeguineae*

Fairly common around Kiunga and along the Fly River 2/11 to 5/11 but no counts made.

White-throated Needletail *Hirundapus caudacautus*

20+ along Ok Ma Road, Tabubil, on 29/10.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*

Fairly common along Fly River and in Kiunga. Not counted.

Common Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera galatea*

One on Fly River on 4/11. Others heard. 1 at Vanapa on 28/11.

Little Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera hydrocharis*

Excellent views of 1 on 2/11 near Kiunga. (Editor's note: This may be the first reported sighting since one in 1988 (Palliser, unpublished trip report) also from the Kiunga area).

Australian Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera sylvia*

One near Kiunga on 2/11.

Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera danae*

One on Treehouse Trail, Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Hook-billed Kingfisher *Melidora macrorrhina*

One juvenile spotlighted in a tree on the escarpment in Tabubil on 28/10. Others heard in Tabubil and at Kiunga.

- Rufous-bellied Kookaburra** *Dacelo gaudichaud*
One at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 2 along the Fly River on 4/11. 1 near Kiunga on 5/11. 2 in Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. 1 in Wasu on 17/11. 1 in Varirata N.P. on 24/11. Present but not counted at Vanapa and Brown River on 28/11.
- Blue-winged Kookaburra** *Dacelo leachii*
4 in Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 2 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 and again on 27/11. Present but not counted at Vanapa and Brown River on 28/11.
- Forest Kingfisher** *Halcyon macleayii*
One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Sacred Kingfisher** *Halcyon sancta*
One at Kokoda Monument on 17/10.
- Yellow-billed Kingfisher** *Halcyon torotoro*
Singletons seen at Varirata N.P. on 17/10, 25/11 and 26/11.
- Mountain Kingfisher** *Halcyon megarhyncha*
One in Tari valley on 22/10.
- Dwarf Kingfisher** *Ceyx lepidus*
One near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11.
- Azure Kingfisher** *Alcedo azurea*
One at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and again on 25/11.
- Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*
A small flock at Wasu airstrip on 19/11.
- Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus*
One at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*
One at Kokoda Monument and 1 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 3 along Fly River on 3/11 with 2 there on 4/11.
- Blyth's Hornbill** *Rhyticeros plicatus*
One at Ok Ma Road on 29/10. 10+ on Fly River on 3/11 with c.10 there on 4/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area on 7/11 with 20+ there on 8/11, present but numbers not noted on 10/11.
- Blue-breasted Pitta** *Pitta erythrogaster*
One at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.
- Hooded Pitta** *Pitta sordida*
2 on Fly River on 3/11 and one seen and others calling there on 4/11.
- Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica*
Common at Varirata N.P. 2 at Mt. Robinson on 28/10. Present at Ok Menga on 30/10, Mt. Binnie on 31/10, Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11.
- Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
3 above Bailey bridge on 20/10 with 1 there on 21/10. 3 at Ok Menga on 30/10. Several on Mt. Binnie on 31/10. 1 along the Fly River on 4/11.
- Richard's Pipit** *Anthus novaeseelandiae*
One at Tari Gap on 21/10.
- Hooded Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina longicauda*
4+ near Bailey bridge on 25/10.
- White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina papuensis*
Fairly common at Varirata N.P. during our visits. Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina novaehollandiae*
Present at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.
- Stout-billed Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina caeruleogrisea*
2 below Ambua Lodge on 24/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 2 at Ok Menga on 30/10.

- Yellow-eyed Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina lineata*
One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10 with 2 there on 26/11.
- Boyer's Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina boyeri*
5 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 3 at Ok Menga on 30/10 including a pair feeding a chick in the nest. Present at Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. 3 at Sossy logging camp area on 7/11.
- Grey-headed Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina schisticeps*
3 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 1 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 1/11. Fairly common near Kiunga on 2/11. Present at Sossy logging camp area on 8/11.
- Black Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina melaena*
One at Ok Menga on 30/10. 1 at Sossy logging camp area on 9/11. 2 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and one there on 26/11. A pair at Vanapa on 28/11.
- Black-bellied Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina montana*
2 above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 21/10, with 1 there in 24/10 and a pair there on 25/10. 1 along Ok Tedi Road Tabubil on 27/10. 5 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10.
- Golden Cuckoo-shrike** *Campochaera sloetii*
2 at Ok Tedi Road, Tabubil, on 27/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 1/11. 2 near Kiunga on 2/11. 6+ on Fly River on 3/11. 1 at Sossy logging camp area on 7/11 with 4 there on 9/11.
- Black-browed Triller** *Lalage atrovirens*
A male at Sossy logging camp area on 7/11 with 1 there on 8/11 and 1 on 9/11.
- Varied Triller** *Lalage leucomela*
One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 at Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 on Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 1 near Kiunga on 2/11. A pair at Varirata N.P. on 27/11. Several at Brown River and Vanapa 28/11.
- Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*
One above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 21/10. 3 around Telefomin airstrip on 6/11.
- Island Thrush** *Turdus poliocephalus*
3 above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 20/10 with 3 there on 23/10.
- Pied Chat** *Saxicola caprata*
3 above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap on 21/10 and 3 in Tari valley on 22/10. 1 below Mt. Robinson on 28/10 and 1 there on 31/10.
- Painted Quail-thrush** *Cinclosoma ajax*
Several birds flushed at Varirata N.P. but only one positively identified on 26/11.
- Chestnut-backed Jewel-babbler** *Ptilorhoa castanonotus*
2 at Varirata N.P. on 27/11.
- Lesser Melampitta** *Melampitta lugubris*
One above Ambua Lodge on 26/10.
- Greater Melampitta** *Melampitta gigantea*
1+ on Mount Robinson on 31/10 by Richard Rowland and Phil Gregory.

Extract from Richard's notebook:- "We did the first part of the Mount Robinson trail principally to look for White-eyed Robin (*Pachyephalposis poliosoma*) which Phil Gregory had thought heard here but had never seen. At 1 p.m. we reached an altitude of c.1000 metres when the 'type' call was heard - a disyllabic or perhaps better described as a two note call run together with the second part slightly lower. I went into the forest and recorded this and then went a little further in and lower and played back my recording interspersed with myself trying to imitate the call. Responses were given, possibly more to my imitation than the playback. After a short while, I saw movement and lifted my binoculars to find, not a robin, but, to my astonishment, an all black, large (compared to a robin) bird with a posture not exactly horizontal but not erect. Immediately I thought that the initial call I'd recorded must be a Lesser Melampitta and that this is what had come in. However, immediately I saw that the bird had a dark iris (therefore not an

adult male Lesser Melampitta) and a fairly deep-based straight but thick bill. The general statue of the bird and jizz also ruled out Lesser Melampitta. A good view of the bird from the back on revealed a tail that was about one-third the body length of the bird (excluding the tail), fairly broad and held on a plain similar to the body - at no time did it suggest a pitta or dipper jizz. My next thought was a Black Pitohui (*Pitohui nigrescens*) but an excellent view of the bill showed no hooked tip and this bird was hopping about on the forest floor in a relatively skulking manner. The possibility of Lesser Black Coucal then arose but the habitat, altitude and tail size and structure negated this. The bird was seen to give a very thin, high pitched 'tsi' call and was obviously interested in the 'robin' call. At no time did I see it fly or leave the ground at all. A second bird was present but not seen besides a bit of movement. General colouration was a rather dull black without any gloss.

I returned to the path and voiced my suspicions to Phil Gregory that I'd been watching a Greater Melampitta. I took him down to the general site and left him there. He independently saw the bird on 3 occasions and was also of the opinion that it could be nothing else. The habitat was good forest (with many mossy root boles and much bushy ground cover, without karst...ed). The birds seemed to come up a little gully. A third vocalization in the area at the time was similar to the 'robin' call but the notes were shorter and quicker, and the general time between each rendition was shorter. This and the 'robin' call were thought to be attributable to the bird seen."

Blue-capped Ifrita *Ifrita kowaldi*

2 above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, on 21/10. 2 groups above Ambua Lodge on 23/10. Several below Bailey bridge on 25/10.

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

One at Tari Gap on 20/10. 3 above the Bailey bridge on 21/10. 2 above Satop on 18/11.

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Present at Wasu airstrip 19/11.

Island Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*

Fairly common in Tari valley on 22/10. 2 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 3 at Satop on 17/11.

Emperor Fairy-wren *Malurus cyanocephalus*

6+ near Kiunga on 2/11 and common there on 5/11 when no counts were made. A pair at Vanapa River on 28/11.

White-shouldered Fairy-wren *Malurus alboscapulatus*

6 near Kokoda Monument on 17/10. Fairly common in Tari valley on 22/10. 3 above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, on 23/10 and several seen again on 24/10. 2 at Ok Menga on 30/10. Present above Satop on 18/11.

Orange-crowned Fairy-wren *Clytomyias insignis*

One along access to Ambua Lodge on 21/10. 2 parties (exact number not counted) above Ambua Lodge on 23/10. 2 below Tari Gap on 24/10. 1 on Waterfall Trail below Ambua Lodge on 25/10.

Rusty Mouse-Warbler *Crateroscelis murina*

One on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 3 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 and found to be fairly common there on 26/11.

Mountain Mouse-Warbler *Crateroscelis robusta*

2 at Ambua Lodge on 19/10 with 2 there on 25/10. 1 above Lodge on 26/10.

Pale-billed Scrubwren *Sericornis spilodera*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 with 4 there on 25/11.

Large Scrubwren *Sericornis nouhuysi*

3 on Waterfall trail at Ambua Lodge on 25/10.

Buff-faced Scrubwren *Sericornis perspicillatus*

5+ along the Waterfall Trail at Ambua Lodge 19/10. 3 above Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, on 23/10.

Papuan Scrubwren *Sericornis papuensis*

Several parties above the Bailey bridge, Tari Gap, on 20/10 and again on 21/10 but no counts made. 3 in Tari valley on 22/10.

Grey-green Scrubwren *Sericornis arfakianus*

3 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10.

Yellow-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone chrysogaster*

3 near Kiunga on 2/11. 5+ near Sossy logging camp area, Vanimo, on 8/11. Fairly common at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 but no counts made. 2 seen there on 24/11.

Fairy Gerygone *Gerygone palpebrosa*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11. 1 near Telefomin airstrip on 6/11.

Large-billed Gerygone *Gerygone magnirostris*

One at Wasu on 17/11.

Brown-breasted Gerygone *Gerygone ruficollis*

3 seen, many heard in Tari valley on 22/10. Present below Ambua Lodge but not counted on 24/10. 4 above Satop on 18/11.

White-throated Gerygone *Gerygone olivacea*

6 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Sooty Thicket-Fantail *Rhipidura threnothorax*

One on Dablin Creek Road on 1/11. 1 near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11 and again on 10/11.

White-bellied Thicket-Fantail *Rhipidura leucothorax*

One on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 near Kiunga on 5/11. 2 near Sossy logging camp area on 9/11. 1 at Wasu on 17/11. 1 at Vanapa River on 28/11.

Rufous-backed Fantail *Rhipidura rufidorsa*

One near Kiunga on 2/11. 1 at Brown River on 28/11.

Dimorphic Fantail *Rhipidura brachyrhyncha*

2 above Bailey bridge on 21/10 with 1 there on 25/10.

Black Fantail *Rhipidura atra*

4 along the Waterfall Trail at Ambua Lodge on 19/10. 3 above Bailey bridge on 20/10 with 3 there on 21/10 and 2 on 23/10. 1 below Bailey bridge on 25/10.

Chestnut-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hyperythra*

One near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. 1 at Satop on 18/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and 3 there on 25/11.

Friendly Fantail *Rhipidura albolimbata*

3 along the Waterfall Trail at Ambua Lodge on 19/10. Fairly common above Bailey bridge on 20/10 and 21/10 and 23/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson on 31/10. Present at Satop on 18/11.

Northern Fantail *Rhipidura rufiventris*

One on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 2 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 2 at Satop on 18/11. Several at Brown River and Vanapa on 28/11.

Willie-wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. Common at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. Present in Tari valley on 22/10. c. 5 at Ok Menga on 30/10. Common around Vanimo. Recorded at Satop on 18/11.

Black Monarch *Monarcha axillaris*

One at the hydro near Ambua Lodge on 23/10. 1 near Satop on 18/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 and again on 26/11.

Island Monarch *Monarcha cinerascens*

c. 10 on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11.

Black-winged Monarch *Monarcha frater*

One at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10.

Spot-winged Monarch *Monarcha guttula*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. 2 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and again but not counted on 25/11. Several at Brown River and Vanapa on 28/11.

Golden Monarch *Monarcha chrysomela*

2 near Kiunga on 2/11. 3 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 near Sossy logging camp on 7/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 28/11. Several at Brown River and Vanapa on 28/11.

Friiled Monarch *Arses telescopthalmus*

One near Kiunga on 2/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 with 1 there on 25/11. Several at Vanapa and Brown River on 28/11.

Ochre-collared Monarch *Arses insularis* (ref. Coates 1990)

2 near Sossy logging camp, Vanimo on 8/11 with 4 there on 9/11.

Leaden Flycatcher *Myiagra rubecula*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10 and 1 there on 26/11.

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto*

Common on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11. 2 on Fly River on 4/11.

Yellow-breasted Boatbill *Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*

One near Sossy logging camp on 9/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and on 25/11.

Black-breasted Boatbill *Machaerirhynchus nigripectus*

One above Bailey bridge on 20/10 and again on 21/10. 1 below Bailey bridge on 25/10. 1 above Ambua Lodge on 26/10. 1 near Satop on 18/11.

Torrent Flycatcher *Monachella muelleriana*

4 in Tari valley on 22/10. c.10 at Ok Menga on 30/10.

Lemon-bellied Flycatcher *Microeca flavigaster*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Yellow-legged Flycatcher *Microeca griseocephala*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 at Mt. Robinson on 28/10.

Olive Flycatcher *Microeca flavovirescens*

2 at Brown River on 28/11.

Canary Flycatcher *Microeca papuana*

2 at Ambua Lodge on 20/10. 3 below Bailey bridge on 20/10, with 1 there on 21/10 and 3 there on 23/10. 1 at Mt. Robinson on 31/10. 1 above Satop on 19/11.

White-faced Robin *Tregellasia leucops*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 near Telefomin airstrip on 6/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and several seen there but numbers not recorded on 25/11.

Black-chinned Robin *Poecilodryas brachyura*

One near Sossy logging camp on 8/11 and 2 seen there on 10/11.

Black-throated Robin *Poecilodryas albonotata*

One at Ambua Lodge on 20/10. 1 at Tari Gap on 20/10. 1 at Ambua Lodge on 22/10.

Northern Scrub-Robin *Drymodes superciliaris*

One on Fly River on 3/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11. 1 at Brown River and 1 at Vanapa 28/11.

White-winged Robin *Peneothello sigillatus*

One above Bailey bridge on 21/10.

White-rumped Robin *Peneothello bimaculatus*

A pair at Ok Menga on 30/10.

Blue-grey Robin *Peneothello cyanus*

One above Bailey bridge on 20/10. 1 below Bailey bridge on 21/10 with 4+ near hydro at Ambua Lodge on same date. 1 at Ambua Lodge on 22/10. 1 near Satop on 18/11.

Dwarf Whistler *Pachycare flavogrisea*

2 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 1 at Satop on 18/11.

Mottled Whistler *Rhagologus leucostigma*

3 above Bailey bridge on 25/10. 1 at the hydro at Ambua Lodge on 27/10.

Slater's Whistler *Pachycephala soror*

2 along the Waterfall Trail at Ambua Lodge on 19/11. 1 along the Waterfall Trail, Ambua, on 25/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 at Satop on 18/11.

Regent Whistler *Pachycephala schlegelii*

4 above Bailey bridge on 20/10. 1 above Bailey bridge on 23/10. 1 along Waterfall Trail, Ambua on 25/10. 1 at Satop on 18/11.

Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 4 at Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 2 near Sossy logging camp on 9/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11, with 3 there on 25/11. Several at Vanapa on 28/11.

Rusty Whistler *Pachycephala hyperythra*

One by Dablin Creek Road on 1/11. Others heard. 1 in Satop village on 18/11.

Brown-backed Whistler *Pachycephala modesta*

2 above Bailey bridge on 20/10 with 2 there on 21/10 and 1 on 25/10. 1 above Satop on 19/11.

Black-headed Whistler *Pachycephala monacha*

2 in Tari valley on 22/10. 1 above Satop on 18/11.

Rufous-naped Whistler *Pachycephala rufinucha*

3 above Ambua Lodge on 25/10 and 1 on the Waterfall Trail near Ambua Lodge on the same date. 1 above Ambua Lodge on 26/10.

Little Shrike-Thrush *Colluricincla megarhyncha*

2 in Tari valley on 22/10. 1 on Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. Not uncommon around Sossy logging camp area on 8/11, 9/11, 10/11 and 11/11. 3 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11. Present but not counted at Vanapa and Brown River on 28/11.

Grey Shrike-Thrush *Colluricincla harmonica*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 2 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Variable Pitohui *Pitohui kirhocephalus*

One brown-headed race at Ok Menga on 30/10.

Hooded Pitohui *Pitohui dichrous*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 1/11. 2 near Satop on 18/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 with 3 there 25/11. Present but not counted at Vanapa and Brown River on 28/11.

Rusty Pitohui *Pitohui ferrugineus*

c.6 near Sossy logging camp area on 12/11. c.4 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and several parties seen there on 26/11. Present but not counted at Vanapa and Brown River on 28/11.

Crested Pitohui *Pitohui cristatus*

One at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Black Pitohui *Pitohui nigrescens*

One along access road to Ambua Lodge on 20/10. 2 at hydro on 26/10 with 2 there on 27/10. [1 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11] *This would be a new species for the park if the identification is correct..ed*

Wattled Ploughbill *Eulacestoma nigropectus*

One at Ambua Lodge on 23/10. 1 on the Waterfall Trail near Ambua Lodge on 23/10. 1 below Bailey bridge on 25/10.

Papuan Tree-creeper *Cormobates placens*

One below Bailey bridge on 25/10.

Black Sittella *Daphoenositta miranda*

c.10 above Ambua Lodge on 23/10 and again on 25/10.

Black Berrypecker *Melanocharis nigra*

2 on Fly River on 3/11. 2 at Sossy logging camp area on 8/11 with 2 again on 9/11.

Mid-mountain Berrypecker *Melanocharis longicauda*

3 above Bailey bridge on 17/11. 2 females including 1 at nest feeding young. 3 below Bailey bridge on 23/10. 5 above Satop on 17/11 with 3 there on 18/11.

Fan-tailed Berrypecker *Melanocharis versteri*

One below Bailey bridge on 22/10. 2 below Bailey bridge on 23/10 with 1 there on 26/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson on 31/10.

Papuan Flowerpecker *Dicaeum pectorale*

A pair at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 2 around Bailey bridge on 23/10 with 1 there on 26/10. 1 between Bailey bridge and Ambua Lodge on 25/10. 1 in Tabubil on 27/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 3 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 near Telefomin airstrip on 6/11. 1 above Satop on 18/11. Several at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Tit Berrypecker *Oreocharis arfaki*

3 above Bailey bridge on 21/10. c.10 below Bailey bridge on 23/10. Several between Bailey bridge and Ambua Lodge on 25/10. 10+ above Satop on 18/11.

Crested Berrypecker *Paramythia montium*

2 above Bailey bridge on 20/10 with 6 there on 21/10. 3 below Ambua Lodge on 22/10 with 2 there on 23/10.

Black Sunbird *Nectarinia aspasia*

2 males in Tabubil on 28/10. 1 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. Common on Fly River on 3/11, no counts made with same status on 4/11. 1 near Sossy logging camp on 8/11. Present on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11.

Yellow-bellied Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis*

1 at Kokoda Monument on 17/10. 2 at Sossy logging camp area on 8/11 with 3 there on 9/11. Present on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11.

Black-fronted White-eye *Zosterops atrifrons*

8+ Tari valley on 22/10. Several above Satop on 18/11. 3 at Varirata N.P. on 24/11 and again on 25/11 but not counted.

Western Mountain White-eye *Zosterops fuscicapillus*

6+ on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. These birds had a complete, fairly bright, yellow underparts and extensive blackish forehead, forecrown and face.

New Guinea White-eye *Zosterops novaeguineae*

8+ in Tari valley on 22/10. Birds showed no black on forehead. Underparts not uniformly yellow underneath - showed some grey areas posteriorly on flanks. 3 along Banari Road below Ambua Lodge on 24/10.

Long-billed Honeyeater *Melilestes megarhynchus*

One at Ok Menga on 30/10. 1 on Dablin Creek Road on 31/10. 1 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 above Satop on 18/11.

Yellow-bellied Longbill *Toxorhamphus novaeguineae*

One along Fly River on 3/11. 1 near Sossy logging camp on 8/11 and several on 10/11. 1 above Satop on 18/11.

Slaty-chinned Longbill *Toxorhamphus poliopterus*

One at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson on 31/10.

Dwarf Honeyeater *Oedistoma iliolophus*

One at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 and 27/11.

Pygmy Honeyeater *Oedistoma pygmaeum*

One at Sossy logging camp area on 9/11.

Red-throated Myzomela *Myzomela eques*

One at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 1 on Fly River on 3/11. 2 at Sossy logging camp area 9/11.

Red Myzomela *Myzomela cruentata*

2 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10.

Papuan Black Myzomela *Myzomela nigrita*

4 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10 with 1 there on 24/11 and 1 on 26/11.

Mountain Red-headed Myzomela *Myzomela adolphinae*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10.

Slater's Myzomela *Myzomela sclateri*

Common on Karkar Island on 13/11 to 15/11.

Red-collared Myzomela *Myzomela rosenbergii*

A pair along the Waterfall Trail at Ambua Lodge on 19/10. Common above Bailey bridge on 20/10 and on 21/10 and 23/10. Common on Mt. Robinson on 31/10.

Forest White-eared Honeyeater *Meliphaga montana*

3 above Satop on 18/11.

Mountain Meliphaga *Meliphaga orientalis*

3 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 above Satop on 18/11.

Scrub White-eared Honeyeater *Meliphaga albonotata*

2 in Tabubil on 27/10. 3 at lower levels on Mt. Robinson on 28/10.

Puff-backed Honeyeater *Meliphaga aruensis*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 with 1 on 26/11 were the only ones positively identified.

Mimic Honeyeater *Meliphaga analoga*

The common meliphaga of roadside scrub and forest around Vanimo and Sossy logging camp area was thought to be this species. No counts were made. Several birds at Varirata N.P. on 25/11 were also thought to be this species.

Graceful Honeyeater *Meliphaga gracilis*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10 were the only ones noted.

Yellow-gaped Honeyeater *Meliphaga flavivictus*

One near Kiunga on 5/11.

Varied Honeyeater *Lichenostomus versicolor*

Common at Vanimo. Common in coastal scrub around Wasu on 11/11.

Black-throated Honeyeater *Lichenostomus subfrenatus*

Fairly common above Bailey bridge on 21/10 but not counted. Same status on Mt. Binnie on 31/10. c.10 near Satop on 18/11.

Spotted Honeyeater *Xanthotis polygramma*

2 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Tawny-breasted Honeyeater *Xanthotis flaviventer*

5+ at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 3 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 3 on Fly River on 3/11. 3 near Telefomin airstrip on 6/11.

White-throated Honeyeater *Melithreptus albobularis*

Common at Varirata N.P. on each visit.

Plain Honeyeater *Pycnopygius ixoides*

3 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 2 near Sossy logging camp area on 9/11.

Marbled Honeyeater *Pycnopygius cinereus*

5 in Tari valley on 22/10. 1 below Ambua Lodge on 24/10. 3 near Satop on 17/11 and 3 more there on 18/11.

Streak-headed Honeyeater *Pycnopygius stictocephalus*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11.

Meyer's Friarbird *Philemon meyeri*

c. 10 on Fly River on 3/11. 3 near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11.

Helmeted Friarbird *Philemon buceroides*

Common at Kokoda Monument, at Varirata N.P., at Moitaka ponds on 18/10, at Ok Menga on 30/10, Kiunga on 2/11, on Fly River on 3/11 & 4/11 and at Sossy logging camp area on 8/11.

Rufous-backed Honeyeater *Ptiloprora guisei*

2 at Ambua Lodge on 20/10. 3 above Ambua Lodge on 21/10. Common above Satop on 17/11 to 19/11.

Grey-streaked Honeyeater *Ptiloprora perstriata*

Common above Ambua Lodge on 20/10. 3 there on 21/10. 3 on Mt. Binnie on 31/10.

The above three species were generally disregarded after initial identifications so these records cannot be regarded as true counts.

Cinnamon-browed Melidectes *Melidectes ochromelas*

4 above Satop on 18/11.

Belford's Melidectes *Melidectes belfordi*

Common above Bailey bridge and around Ambua Lodge on 20/10 to 27/10.

Yellow-browed Melidectes *Melidectes rufocrissalis*

3 around Ambua Lodge on 20/10 and 21/10. Hybrids with the above species were also present.

Ornate Melidectes *Melidectes torquatus*

2+ Tari valley on 22/10. 3 above Satop on 17/11 with 2 there on 18/11.

Common Smoky Honeyeater *Melipotes fumigatus*

One at Ambua Lodge on 19/10 where very common and uncounted during the remainder of our stay until 27/10.

Spangled Honeyeater *Melipotes ater*

Common above Satop on 17/11 to 19/11.

Brown-backed Honeyeater *Ramsayornis modestus*

3 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Rufous-banded Honeyeater *Conopophila albogularis*

Several in trees in Salvation Army Hostel grounds at Koki Market. c. 10 at Moitaka ponds 18/10.

Blue-faced Parrot-finch *Erythrura trichroa*

2 in Ambua Lodge grounds on 21/10. 1 above Bailey bridge on 23/10.

Streak-headed Mannikin *Lonchura tristissima*

10+ near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11 with 4+ there on 9/11 and 10+ on 10/11. c. 10 on Karkar Island on 14/11.

Grey-headed Mannikin *Lonchura caniceps*

20+ at Kokoda Monument on 17/10. 3 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Grand Mannikin *Lonchura grandis*

3 at Kokoda Monument on 17/10.

Hooded Mannikin *Lonchura spectabilis*

6 at Ambua Lodge on 20/10. 3 Tari valley on 22/10.

Chestnut-breasted Mannikin *Lonchura castaneothorax*

One at Kokoda Monument on 17/10. 3 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Mountain Firetail *Oreostruthus fuliginosus*

2 above Bailey bridge on 20/10 with 2 there on 21/10 and 2 on 23/10.

Singing Starling *Aplonis cantoroides*

Common around Vanimo and Sossy logging camp area.

Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica*

Common on Fly River on 4/11.

Golden Myna *Mino anais*

One near Kiunga on 2/11. 1 on Fly River on 4/11. 2 near Sossy logging camp area on 7/11.

Yellow-faced Myna *Mino dumontii*

c. 10 at Kokoda Monument and 4 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 3 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10. 2 at Ok Menga on 30/10. c. 10 near Kiunga on 2/11. Fairly common on Fly River on 3/11 and 4/11 and near Sossy logging camp area on 7/11, 8/11 and 9/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. on 26/11.

Brown Oriole *Oriolus szalayi*

4 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 along Ok Tedi Road, Tabubil on 27/10. 3 at Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 1 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 3 near Telefomin airstrip on 6/11. Present near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. Several at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Figbird *Sphecotheres viridis*

2 at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Mountain Drongo *Chaetorhynchus papuensis*

2 at Varirata N.P. on 25/11.

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus hottentotus*

2 at Varirata N.P. 17/10. 2 at Ok Menga 30/10. 3 Fly River 4/11. 1 at Varirata N.P. 25/11.

Torrent-lark *Grallina bruijni*

One at hydro at Ambua Lodge on 23/10 with 1 there on 26/10 and 27/10. 2 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10.

White-breasted Wood-swallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

Common around Kokoda Monument 17/10 and at Moitaka ponds 18/10. 3 on Fly River on 3/11.

Great Wood-swallow *Artamus maximus*

2 above Bailey bridge on 20/10 with 6 there on 21/10. c. 10 below Ambua Lodge on 24/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 2 at Ok Menga on 30/10. Fairly common above Satop on 18/11.

Hooded Butcherbird *Cracticus cassicus*

4 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 2 at Ok Ma Road on 29/10. 3 on Fly River on 3/11. A pair near Vanimo on 11/11. 1 at Satop on 18/11. Several at Varirata N.P. on 25/11

Black-backed Butcherbird *Cracticus mentalis*

Common at Varirata N.P. on each visit and at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Black Butcherbird *Cracticus quoyi*

One at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 1 below Ambua Lodge on 24/10.

Lowland Peltops *Peltops blainvillii*

3 on Fly River on 3/11. 1 near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. 2 at Vanapa on 28/11.

Mountain Peltops *Peltops montanus*

2 at Ambua Lodge on 20/10 and again on 21/10, with 5 there on 27/10. 1 on Mt. Robinson on 28/10. 2 at Dablin Creek Road on 29/10. 1 at Ok Menga on 30/10. 2 above Satop on 18/11.

White-eared Catbird *Ailuroedus buccoides*

One at Dablin Creek Road on 1/11

Archbold's Bowerbird *Archboldia papuensis*

A male and 2 females at Tari Gap on 21/10 with 1 female there 22/10. 1 female above Bailey bridge on 23/10.

Macgregor's Bowerbird *Amblyornis macgregoriae*

A female below Bailey bridge on 26/10. 1 female on Hydro Trail, Ambua Lodge on 27/10.

Flame Bowerbird *Sericulus aureus*

2 male and 1 female over Fly River on 4/11.

Fawn-breasted Bowerbird *Chlamydera cerviniventris*

Common near Kokoda Monument and entrance road to Varirata N.P. on each visit and at Moitaka ponds on 18/10.

Crested Bird of Paradise *Cnemophilus macgregorii*

A female type at Tari Gap on 21/10 with 2 female types there on 22/10 and 1 female type there on 23/10.

Loria's Bird of Paradise *Cnemophilus loriae*

A male at Ambua Lodge on 20/10 and 21/10. 1 male near Bailey bridge on 21/10. 1 male below Bailey bridge on 22/10. 1 male above Bailey bridge on 22/10. 2 males near Tari Gap on 24/10.

Short-tailed Paradigalla *Paradigalla brevicauda*

A pair attending a nest in Ambua Lodge Grounds on during our visit from 19/10 to 27/10. 1 above Ambua Lodge on 23/10. 1 below Tari Gap on 24/10.

Magnificent Riflebird *Ptiloris magnificus*

A female on 24/11 at Varirata N.P. with 2 there on 25/11 and a male on 26/11. 1 female at Brown River on 28/11.

Twelve-wired Bird of Paradise *Seleucidis melanoleuca*

A male displaying in tree on Fly River on 4/11.

Black Sicklebill *Epimachus fastuosus*

A male displaying on 24/10 in a tree along Banari Road below Ambua Lodge.

Brown Sicklebill *Epimachus meyeri*

A male and 3 female types above Bailey bridge on 22/10. 1 female below Tari Gap on 24/10.

Ribbon-tailed Astrapia *Astrapia mayeri*

A male and 4 females above Bailey bridge on 20/10. 3 females below Bailey bridge on 21/10. 1 male and 3 females above Bailey bridge on 22/10.

Stephanie's Astrapia *Astrapia stephaniae*

A male below Bailey bridge on 21/10. 1 male above Bailey bridge on 22/10 with 2 males there on 23/10.

Huon Astrapia *Astrapia rothschildi*

A female above Satop on 18/11 and 3 female there on 19/11.

Superb Bird of Paradise *Lophorina superba*

A male and 3 females in Tari valley on 22/10. A male displaying in trees at the helipad, Ambua Lodge on 23/10.

Carola's Parotia *Parotia carolae*

3 female types on Mt. Robinson 28/10.

Lawes' Parotia *Parotia lawesii*

6+ in Tari valley on 22/10. A female at Hydro at Ambua Lodge on 23/10.

King-of-Saxony Bird of Paradise *Pteridophora alberti*

A male regularly seen displaying in tree above Bailey bridge. A male seen below Tari Gap on 21/10 & 22/10 and a male and 2 females were seen between the Bailey bridge and the Gap on 23/10.

King Bird of Paradise *Cicinnurus regius*

A male seen along the Fly River on 4/11. Others heard.

Magnificent Bird of Paradise *Cicinnurus magnificus*

A female at Varirata N.P. on 27/11.

Raggiana Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea raggiana*

A male and several female types at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. A female type there on 24/11 & 25/11.

Greater Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea apoda*

c. 10 female types near Kiunga on 2/11. 3 females on Fly River on 3/11.

Lesser Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea minor*

A female near Sossy logging Camp on 7/11. 6+ female types near Sossy logging camp area on 8/11. 2 males and 3 females there on 9/11 and several again on 10/11. A male and 2 females there on 11/11.

Emperor Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea guilielmi*

3 females and 1 male below Satop on 18/11. 2 female types below Satop on 19/11.

Blue Bird of Paradise *Paradisaea rudolphi*

A male and 2 females in Tari valley on 22/10.

Grey Crow *Corvus tristis*

4 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10. 10+ at Dablin Creek Road on 30/10 with 2 there on 1/11. 10+ at Ok Menga on 30/10. 10+ on 8/11 and several on 9/11 and 10/11 near Sossy logging camp area. 1 above Satop on 18/11.

Torresian Crow *Corvus orru*

3 at Varirata N.P. on 17/10 with 1 there on 24/11 and several on 25/11.

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Additions to Gregory "The Birds of the Ok Tedi Area, Western Province, Papua New Guinea : A Checklist and Status Guide" p.38.

322. **Black Pitohui** *Pitohui nigrescens*

A very uncommon species recorded from Mt. Robinson and Townsville drill site at 1600m.

323. **Grey-streaked Flycatcher** *Muscicapa griseosticta*

Vagrant. The third and fourth records for PNG of this Palearctic winter migrant were recorded at Ok Menga on 3 Nov. 1991 and 22 Nov. 1992. Perhaps commoner than currently realized as the species is quite frequent in western New Guinea.