

Additions and corrections to previous issues of Muruk:

Volume 6:3

My thanks to Rolf Jensen for pointing out an error in the article on Bat Hawk (*Macheiramphus alcinus*) by Chris Eastwood in Vol. 6:3 p. 13. The measurements of the nest should be in mm not cm, thus 700 mm in diameter and 200 mm in depth. Author and editor apologize for this oversight (which would surely refer to a Roc's nest if left in cm !)

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Papuan Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum pectorale*) was inadvertently omitted from the article by Phil Gregory on the Birds of the Ok Tedi Area. The species is common in the area up to about 2200m, usually seen singly or two birds together and mostly in the forest canopy.

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Peter Rowland has been kind enough to forward the following clarifications concerning forms listed in his article "*Birds Collected in the Southern Sandaun Province, PNG*" in *Muruk* Volume 7:2 p. 60- 70 :

Lowland Peltops (*Peltops blainvillii*). The record of a bird at 1000m given in the article is in the region of overlap in wing measurements between Mountain (*P. montanus*) and Lowland Peltops, and should not be regarded as a definite new altitude record for the latter species (P. Rowland *in litt.*) The wing of this specimen measured 102mm which is at the top end of the scale for *P. blainvillii* and right at the bottom end for *P. montanus*.

The Broad-billed Fairy-wren are of the nominate subspecies *Malurus grayi grayi*, identified on colour.

The Friiled Monarch specimen available is *Arses insularis*, not the Ochre-collared Monarch *A. telescopthalmus*

INTERESTING SIGHTINGS DURING 1993 & 1994

Contributed by Chris Eastwood (CE.) and Phil Gregory (PG).

R Denotes a rarely recorded species M = migrant E = range extension

Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* E
30 at great height over Tabubil on 12/10/94 were new for the Ok Tedi area, eventually heading off south down the valley (PG).

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana* R
4 along Bensbach River 14/6/93 (PG); Bensbach on 7/10/94 & 8/10/94 (CE)

Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis*
1 imm. captured in an emaciated condition at Ok Menga 13/9/93, died next day (PG).

Yellow-billed Spoonbill *Platalea flavipes* E
A single bird with Royal Spoonbills at Fishing Spot No. 2, Bensbach on 14/6/93 (PG) Documented by Gregory (1993).

Royal Spoonbill *Platalea regia*
200+ Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG).

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca*
500+ Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG).

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* M
20 Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG)

Straw-necked Ibis *Threskiornis spinicollis*
30+ Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG)

Brolga *Grus rubicunda* R
60 Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG)

Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* R
4 Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG)

Australian Bustard *Ardeotis australis* R
5 Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG)

Australian Pelican *Pelecanus conspicillatus* M
80+ Bensbach Plains 14/6/93 (PG)

Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus* R
Nesting pair present throughout 1993 and early 1994 at Sankwep Road (CE)

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus* R
Sankwep Road on 29/7/93 (2); Independence Drive, Lae (near Unitech) 22/8/93 & 23/1/94; I at Tigipa near Tari 25/9/93 (PG)

Papuan Harrier *Circus spilonotus*
Nadzab on 15/1/93 & 13/9/94; 3 separate birds during drive between Lae and Kainantu on 23/5/93; Moitaka on 30/10/94 (CE)

Doria's Hawk *Megatriorchis doriae* R
Sankwep Road on 10/7/93 (CE)

New Guinea Harpy-Eagle *Harpyopsis novaeguineae* R
1 presumed male (relatively small size) caught in Tabubil on 15.3.93. having been knocked out of a tree by a stone at Ok Menga a few days earlier. The bird had a broken leg and was flown down to the vet in Port Moresby, where the leg was pinned and splinted. Many families in the town were saying prayers for the recovery of "Balus" as he came to be known. A full recovery was made and the individual was eventually released at Mt. Stolle Research station in August. Thanks to Warwick of the Port Moresby Veterinary service for his interest and expertise, and to Ok Tedi Mining for transport. An amazing saga ! (PG); I heard calling on the slopes of the Hindenburg Range at Ok Tit GR 362293 Sheet 7187 on 29/3/93. (PG); I heard calling Bailey Bridge area Ambua 27/9/93 (PG). I heard calling at Km 8 on the Ok Ma road on 29/1/94 and 6/2/94.(PG). I heard calling at km 10, Bewani Road, Vanimo 12/6/94 (CE/PG)

Gurney's Eagle *Aquila gurneyi* R
2 in Lae on 10/7/93; 1 at Wutung near Vanimo on 12/6/94 (CE/ PG)