

Broad-billed Fairywren	<i>Malurus grayi</i>
Green-backed Robin	<i>Pachycephalopsis hattamensis</i>
Torrent Flycatcher	<i>Monachella muelleriana</i> (New Britain)
Sooty Whistler	<i>Pachycephala tenebrosa</i>
Tagula White-eye	<i>Zosterops meeki</i>
Tagula Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga vicina</i>
* Rufous-sided Honeyeater	<i>Ptiloprora erythropleura</i> (c)
Mayr's Streaked Honeyeater	<i>Ptiloprora mayri</i>
New Ireland Friarbird	<i>Philemon eichorni</i>
* Short-bearded Melidectes	<i>Melidectes nouhuysi</i> (c)
Obscure Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis arfakiana</i> (away from Tabubil)
Black-faced Woodswallow	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>
Black Mannikin	<i>Lonchura stygia</i>
Western Alpine Mannikin	<i>Lonchura montana</i>
White-eyed Starling	<i>Aplonis brunneocapillus</i>
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i> (away from Bougainville)
Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>
Tagula Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus louisianensis</i>
Fire-maned Bowerbird	<i>Sericulus bakeri</i>
Yellow-breasted Bird of Paradise	<i>Loboparadisaea sericea</i>
Pale-billed Sickiebill	<i>Epimachus bruijnii</i>

PNG Bird Society Newsletters Now available on CD

I have recently scanned the newsletters of the Papua New Guinea Bird Society into Microsoft Word 97. This covers all newsletters, from the first (not surprisingly issue no. 1) which was issued in December 1965 to the last newsletter, issue no. 291, which was issued in December 1997. Included with the newsletters are at least 90% of all the illustrations and diagrams that were produced (the only exceptions have been certain illustrations which have been too faint to scan properly or which were repetitive and a few that were unrelated to PNG birds). A handful of articles, not relating to birds, have similarly not been reproduced. Some of the illustrations and diagrams have had to be retouched to improve reproduction.

In scanning the newsletters, I have tried to be faithful to the original style and appearance of the newsletters although for convenience I have adopted a standard font (Times New Roman) and have reproduced everything in A4 format (in contrast to the earlier newsletters which were on foolscap). This has meant, inevitably, that the pagination of the Word 97 version is not the same as the originals.

By and large, I have also tried to be faithful to the exact text of the originals but, with the benefit of modern technology (and spellcheckers), I have corrected minor typographical errors. I have also "corrected" the spelling of Latin and place names where these varied from current practice so as to allow for easier searches. I have not, however, corrected the English and Latin names of birds, even though many of these have since changed. This does mean that if someone wishes to search for all references to a particular species, they will have to use a variety of alternative names.

I have also prepared a list of contents covering all the newsletters (by reference to the issue number only, not the specific pages) and have drawn up an index (based on the list of contents).

A copy of all these files can be saved on to a CD for anyone who is interested. A floppy disc copy is not feasible as some of the files are too large. If you would like to receive a copy please send me A\$20 to cover the cost of a CD and airmail postage. My address is PO Box 484, Port Moresby. If you would like further information you can e-mail me on chbe@daltron.com.pg

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Potential additions to the list are Red-necked Avocet (*Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*), seen just over the West Irian border at Wasur (Neil Bostock *pers comm*), whilst Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*) has been recorded nearby from Merauke.

PNGBS Newsletter

The Society is regrettably no longer able to publish a Newsletter, ending a tradition that began back in 1965, due to the lack of in-country observers. The final issue was Number 291.

Fortunately however, Meg Cameron, the editor of *Australian Birding Magazine*, is keen to have a Papua New Guinea link and publishes a useful round-up of PNG news in each issue. It also often has articles of interest about birding in Papua New Guinea. The magazine is published 4 times a year with subscriptions costing A\$30 within Australia, or US\$ 30 / GBP 15 if overseas airmail. They may be obtained from Andrew Isles Natural History Books, 113-115 Greville St, Prahran, Victoria 3181.

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