



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA BIRDING TOUR: NEW BRITAIN
PREMIUM EXTENSION - BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO
BIRDING**

15–20 SEPTEMBER 2028

16–21 SEPTEMBER 2029



Golden Masked Owl is a top endemic target bird in New Britain.

Overview

This incredibly exciting premium extension to New Britain, the largest island in the Bismarck Archipelago of Papua New Guinea and a certified tropical paradise, offers the chance for some rarely seen and stunningly beautiful endemic birds.

We stay in a luxurious dive resort with excellent facilities making for a fantastic and relaxing bird-filled experience (and some amazing snorkeling at a wonderful reef too). This tour is an ideal add-on to our **Papua New Guinea: Birding Attenborough's Paradise**, where we look for **Blue Bird-of-paradise** and a multitude of other jaw-dropping species.

On this short New Britain bird tour, we will find numerous New Britain endemics, along with plenty of Bismarck Archipelago endemics, and some Solomon Islands endemics too. Some of the many possible highlights include **Melanesian Megapode**, **Golden Masked Owl**, **Blue-eyed Cockatoo**, **Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher**, and **Bismarck (New Britain) Pitta**. We will also enjoy sightings of numerous parrots, pigeons, kingfishers, and exciting passerines that will provide an incredible splash of color.



Blue-eyed Cockatoo is an attractive New Britain endemic.

Detailed Itinerary (6 days/5 nights)

Day 1. Arrival in Port Moresby

After your arrival at Jacksons International Airport in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), you will transfer to our comfortable hotel for the night. Time after arrival is at your own leisure. We will meet for a group welcome dinner in the evening.

Overnight: Port Moresby



Bismark Crow can be found around our accommodation.

Day 2. Fly from Port Moresby to Hoskins, New Britain, transfer to, and birding at Walindi

We will depart from Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby in the morning for Hoskins Airport in New Britain. On arrival, we will transfer to our extremely comfortable base at Walindi Plantation Resort (Walindi Dive Resort) for the four nights of our stay on the island.

Not only is Walindi Plantation Resort a great and luxurious place to stay in terms of accommodation, meals, and diving, it also offers excellent on-site birding and access to numerous nearby areas that are perfect for finding a range of New Britain endemic birds and wider Bismarck Archipelago and Solomon Islands endemic birds.

After checking in to the resort we will get on with some birding around the grounds. The resort includes a mosaic of habitats, with lowland rainforest, open landscaped gardens, and beachfront, all resulting in some great birds, and here we might find **Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon**, **Blue-eyed Cockatoo**, **White-necked (Pied) Coucal**, **New Britain Boobook**, **New Britain Friarbird**,

Ashy Myzomela, Bismarck Crow, Long-tailed Myna, Red-banded Flowerpecker, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Purple-bellied Lory, Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot, and Moustached Treeswift.

Overnight: Walindi Plantation Resort



Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon is a large and interesting looking bird.

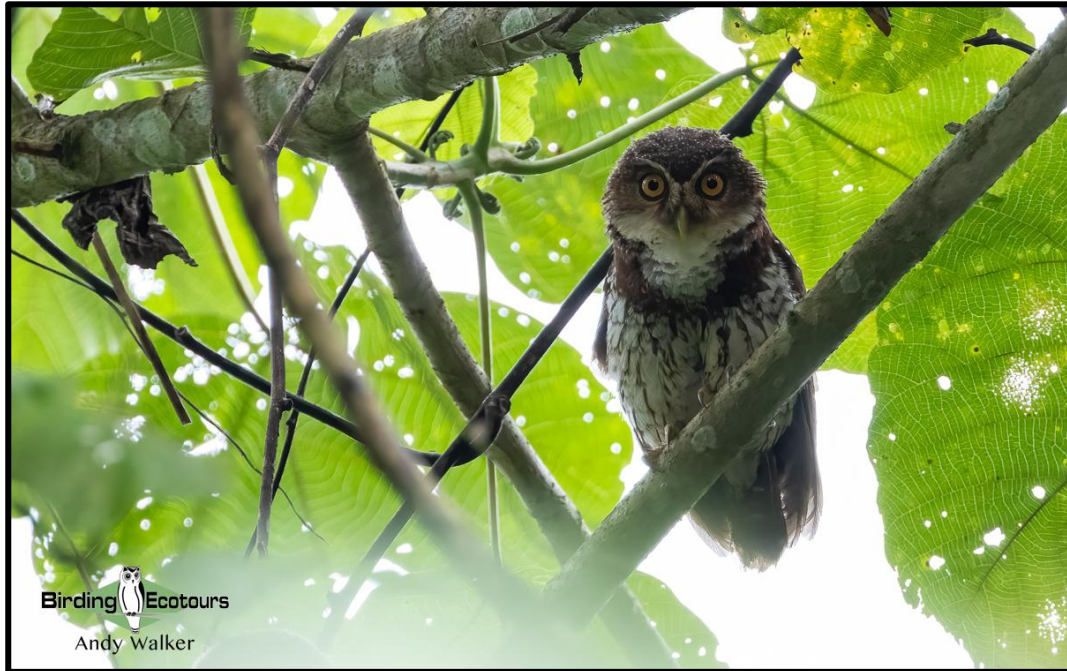
Day 3. Birding New Britain (Birding Garu Wildlife Management/Conservation Area and Kulu River)

We will spend our morning birding at Garu Wildlife Management/Conservation Area. This is a large reserve incorporating a range of habitats, including some excellent lowland rainforest and geothermally heated hot rivers! This site is of huge importance for breeding **Melanesian Megapode**, one of our main targets here. This area is also excellent for the endemic **Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher** along with other endemics like **Pink-legged Rail, Black Honey Buzzard, Finsch's Imperial Pigeon, Knob-billed Fruit Dove, Blue-eyed Cockatoo, Purple-bellied Lory, Violaceous Coucal, White-necked (Pied) Coucal, White-mantled Kingfisher, Ashy Myzomela, Bismarck Whistler, Black-tailed Monarch, Velvet Flycatcher, and Red-banded Flowerpecker**. Plenty of other species can be found too, such as **Papuan Eclectus, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Coconut Lorikeet, and Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot**.

We will spend the afternoon birding at Kulu River. We will cover grassland habitats along with river flats and oil palm plantations. A wide range of species are possible and likely to include crakes, bitterns, shorebirds, and waterfowl. Some of the more notable species here include **Pied Cuckoo-Dove, White-bibbed Fruit Dove, Knob-billed Fruit Dove, Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon, Nicobar Pigeon, Pink-legged Rail, Blue-eyed Cockatoo, New Britain Boobook, Bismarck Kingfisher, Bismarck (New Britain) Pitta, Black-tailed Monarch, White-backed**

Woodswallow, and Red-banded Flowerpecker, along with Spotted Whistling Duck, King Quail, and Black Bittern.

Overnight: Walindi Plantation Resort



*We will look for **New Britain Boobook** while birding in forest near our accommodation.*

Day 4. Birding Kimbe Bay by boat, including Restorf, Malumalu, and Schaumann Islands, with afternoon birding at Numundo

During the morning we will take a boat into Kimbe Bay where we will visit the rainforest-clad Restorf, Malumalu, and Schaumann Islands. We will hope to find fruiting trees which could be busy with pigeons and parrots, and we can also find exciting endemic passerines here. Some of the targets will include **Melanesian Megapode, Nicobar Pigeon, Island Imperial Pigeon, Yellowish Imperial Pigeon, Yellow-bibbed Fruit Dove, Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Lesser Frigatebird, Great Frigatebird, Beach Kingfisher, Sclater's Myzomela, Mangrove Golden Whistler, Island Monarch, Velvet Flycatcher, and Red-banded Flowerpecker.** We will also keep our eyes peeled for **Heinroth's Shearwater** and **Beck's Petrel** while on our boat trip.

Our afternoon birding will take us to Numundo, where we will look for birds found in disturbed habitats such as oil palm plantations and grasslands. We will check this area out for **Buff-bellied Mannikin, Papuan Grassbird, Australian Reed Warbler, Golden-headed Cisticola, Black Bittern, Spotted Whistling Duck, King Quail, White-browed Crake, and Pale-vented Bush-hen.** We will also look out for other wildfowl and shorebirds.

Overnight: Walindi Plantation Resort



*We will keep our eyes peeled for **Sclater's Myzomela** while visiting the small offshore islets.*

Day 5. More New Britain Birding!

We will spend more time birding Kulu River, where we will look for those birds mentioned in Day 3, as well as any others we can find. We will also visit the lowland forest at Hela where we can walk through the forest looking for mixed feeding flocks and look for birds such as **Melanesian Megapode, Black Honey Buzzard, Knob-billed Fruit Dove, Finsch's Imperial Pigeon, Black Imperial Pigeon, Blue-eyed Cockatoo, Bismarck Hanging Parrot, Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher, Bismarck Kingfisher, New Britain Dwarf Kingfisher, Black-tailed Monarch, and Red-banded Flowerpecker**. We will look for **Golden Masked Owl** in the evening if we've not seen it before now.

Overnight: Walindi Plantation Resort

Day 6. Walindi to Port Moresby and departure from Papua New Guinea

We will transfer from Walindi to Hoskins Airport before flying on to Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby.

Overnight: Not included

Please note that the itinerary cannot be guaranteed as it is only a rough guide and can be changed (usually slightly) due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors. In addition, we sometimes have to use a different international guide from the one advertised due to tour scheduling.

Tour Details

Duration:	6 days
Group size:	4–8
Dates:	15–20 September 2028 16–21 September 2029
Start:	Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
End:	Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Prices:	US\$ 5,325 per person sharing – based on 4–8 participants (2028) US\$ 5,910 per person sharing – based on 4–8 participants (2029)
Single supplements:	US\$ 607 (2028) US\$ 675 (2029)

Price includes:

All accommodation
Meals (from dinner on Day 1 until breakfast on Day 6)
Unlimited water
Expert tour leader
Local bird and wildlife guide fees
All entrance fees
Private land transportation during the tour
Private boat trips
Airport transfers on first and final day only

Price excludes:

All international and domestic flights
Airport transfers on alternate days
Expenditures due to flight cancellations/delays or other causes beyond our control (force majeure)
Visas, if required
Departure tax, if required
Items of a personal nature, e.g. gifts, laundry, internet access, etc.
Any pre- or post-tour accommodation, meals, or activities
Soft/alcoholic drinks
Personal travel/medical insurance
Gratuities (please see our [tipping guidelines blog](#))