



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA: NEW BRITAIN PREMIUM EXTENSION
– BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO BIRDING**

**07 – 12 AUGUST 2024
02 – 07 SEPTEMBER 2025**



Purple-bellied Lory is one of the many species of colorful parrots to be found on this New Britain birding tour (photo Dejan Stojanovic).

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**, **Blue-eyed Cockatoo**, **Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher**, **Bismarck (New Britain) Pitta**, and **Golden Masked Owl**. We will also enjoy sightings of numerous parrots, pigeons, kingfishers, and exciting passerines that will provide an incredible splash of color.

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

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



*The striking **Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon** will be a target while birding in New Britain (photo Dejan Stojanovic).*

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**.

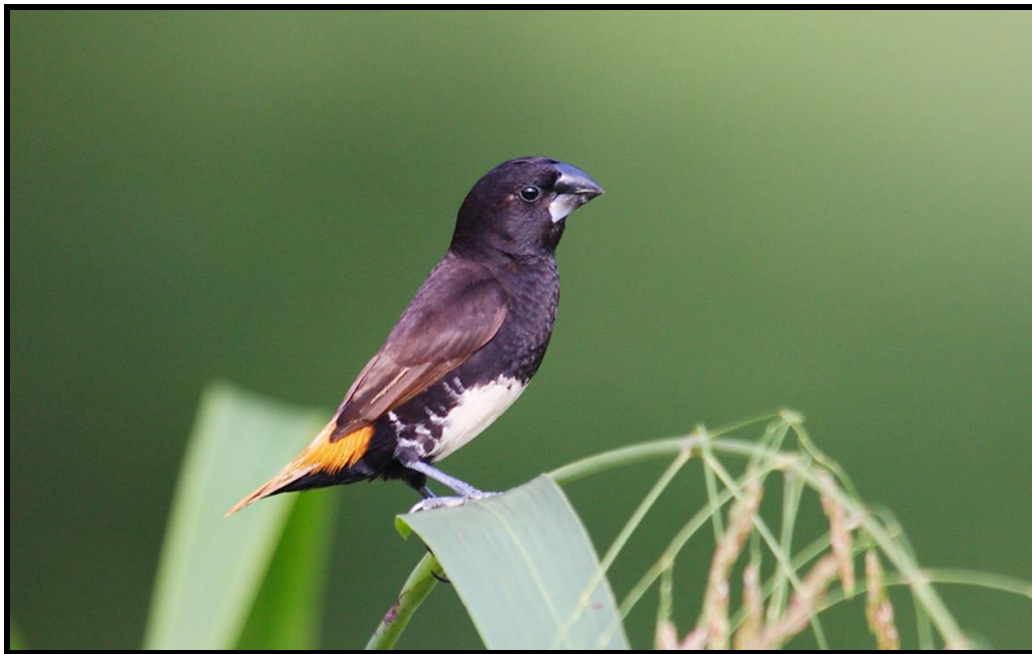
Overnight: Walindi Plantation Resort

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



Buff-bellied Mannikin is found in the Bismarck Archipelago and Bougainville (photo Dejan Stojanovic)

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, White-mantled Kingfisher, Black-bellied Myzomela, 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 and we might also find **Large-tailed Nightjar** and **Nankeen Night Heron**.

Overnight: Walindi Plantation Resort



New Britain Dwarf Kingfisher is one of several regional endemic species we will look for on our New Britain birding tour (photo Henry Cook).

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. If you are not on our **Papua New Guinea: Birding Attenborough's Paradise** tour your tour will conclude and you will be free to depart in the evening (please check international flight timings with us prior to booking any flights so we can check them against the flights between New Britain and Port Moresby).

If you are continuing with our **Papua New Guinea tour**, you will commence Day 1 of that tour, likely with some late afternoon birding at the Pacific Adventist University (depending on the time of the internal flight between Hoskins and Port Moresby).

Overnight: Not included (unless taking part in our Papua New Guinea tour)

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.

Duration: 6 days
Group Size: 4 - 10
Dates: 07 - 12 August 2024
 02 - 07 September 2025
Start: Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
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End:
Prices: US\$3,495 per person sharing – based on 4 - 10 participants (2024)
 US\$3,895 per person sharing – based on 4 - 10 participants (2025)

Single Supplements: US\$400 (2024)
 US\$445 (2025)

Important note:

In 2024 and 2025 it is anticipated this tour will run after the main **Papua New Guinea: Birding Attenborough's Paradise** 17-day tour, so the plans for Day 1 and Day 6 of this New Britain tour might be slightly different to the details provided herein.

Price includes:

All accommodation (double room)
 Meals (from dinner on Day 1 until breakfast on Day 6)
 Drinking water – please bring a refillable water bottle
 Expert tour leader
 Local bird and wildlife guide fees
 Birdwatching site/national park entrance fees
 Private boat trips
 All ground transport with AC and tolls/taxes while on tour, including airport pick-up and drop-off

Price excludes:

International flights to/from Jacksons International Airport, Port Moresby
 Return domestic flights Jackson's International Airport, Port Moresby and Hoskins Airport, New Britain.

Expenditures due to flight cancellations/delays or other causes beyond our control (force majeure)

Visa fees if visa required

Departure tax if required

Items of a personal nature, e.g. gifts, laundry, internet access, phone calls etc.

Any pre- or post-tour accommodation, meals, or birding/sightseeing/monument excursions

Soft/alcoholic drinks

Personal travel insurance

Gratuities (please see our [tipping guidelines blog](#))