



**INDONESIA: WEST PAPUA –
BIRDS-OF-PARADISE AND ENDEMIC OF THE
ARFAK MOUNTAINS AND WAIGEO ISLAND TRIP REPORT**

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The spectacular Wilson's Bird-of-paradise put on an incredible show for us.

Overview

This Indonesian bird tour visited the West Papua and Southwest Papua provinces and started in Manokwari on the 1st of August 2023 and ended in Sorong on the 12th of August 2023. During the tour, our birding was focused on the Arfak Mountains and the island of Waigeo. Both areas are rightly world-renowned for their spectacular birds-of-paradise and endemic birds, and our attention was firmly set on finding as many of these jewels as possible. We recorded 211 species on the tour (16 of these heard only – most of these while in birds-of-paradise blinds). Trip lists follow the report. The list of highlights was very long and included 13 birds-of-paradise seen, these were: **Wilson’s Bird-of-paradise, Magnificent Bird-of-paradise, Red Bird-of-paradise, King Bird-of-paradise, Western Parotia, Crescent-caped Lophorina, Black Sicklebill, Black-billed Sicklebill, Magnificent Riflebird, Long-tailed Paradigalla, Arfak Astrapia, Trumpet Manucode, and Glossy-mantled Manucode.**



Western Parotia gave us some excellent views.

Other exciting highlights included **Vogelkop Owlet-nightjar, Mountain Owlet-nightjar, Papuan Frogmouth, Gurney’s Eagle, Swamp Harrier** (possibly a first for West Papua!), **Blyth’s Hornbill, (Western) Ornate Fruit Dove, White-bibbed (Mountain) Fruit Dove, Pesquet’s Parrot (New Guinea Vulturine Parrot), Palm Cockatoo, Papuan Eclectus, Moluccan King Parrot, Papuan Lorikeet, Black Lory, Common Paradise Kingfisher, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Beach Kingfisher, Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher, Hooded Pitta, Papuan Pitta, Masked Bowerbird, Vogelkop Bowerbird, Arfak Catbird, Emperor Fairywren, Papuan Treecreeper, Spotted Jewel-babbler, Raja Ampat Pitohui, Mottled Berryhunter, Tit**

Berrypecker, Papuan Grassbird, Vogelkop Melidectes, Arfak Honeyeater, Grey Crow, Brown-headed Crow, Vogelkop Scrubwren, and Grey-banded Mannikin.



Magnificent Bird-of-paradise put on an amazing show for us and was voted one of the top birds on the tour (photo by tour participant, Chris Hill).



Mountain Owlet-nightjar in the Arfak Mountains (photo by tour participant, Chris Hill).

Detailed Report

Day 1, 1st August 2023. Arrival in Manokwari, West Papua, Indonesia

An arrival day in Manokwari, West Papua. We enjoyed our welcome dinner together and discussed what we were hoping to see on this West Papua bird tour.

Day 2, 2nd August 2023. Birding Manokwari and travel to the Arfak Mountains

We started the tour with some birding near Manokwari in an area of degraded forest. Several doves and pigeons were noted, including **Pink-spotted Fruit Dove**, **Papuan Mountain Pigeon**, **Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove**, and **Great Cuckoo-Dove**, with several other fleetingly glimpsed birds getting away from us. **Northern Variable Pitohui** were vocal but, typically, did not show well. Some of us had brief views of **Black Sunbird** and **Olive-backed Sunbird** and several kingfishers were heard distantly (**Hook-billed Kingfisher**, **Rufous-bellied Kookaburra**, and **Yellow-billed Kingfisher**). A couple of male **Blyth's Hornbills** flew over, their heavy wingbeats giving their presence away. We also saw **New Guinea Friarbird**, **Spangled Drongo**, **Northern Fantail**, **Tawny-breasted Honeyeater**, **Streak-headed Mannikin**, and a perched **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo**. A few heard only species included **Lesser Bird-of-paradise** and **Black Butcherbird**. In terms of raptors, a **Brahminy Kite** soared along the road, we had a close hunting **Oriental Hobby** zoom through carrying some food, and **Grey-headed Goshawk** shot through at eye-level, it was so close that some of us could see the red bare parts! Not a bad effort in tough conditions and all before breakfast.



The Vogelkop Bowerbird's bower is a seriously impressive sight!

After breakfast and a bit of a break in the late morning to sort our gear out for our mountain expedition, we headed up into the Arfak Mountains, where we arrived, set up our rooms and then had lunch. The afternoon was spent birding near our accommodation in the birder-friendly village of Mingre. We kicked our list off here with some great birds, including roosting **Vogelkop Owlet-nightjar** and **Mountain Owlet-nightjar**, along with **Black Sicklebill** (female), and the extraordinary **Vogelkop Bowerbird** at its incredible bower.

Day 3, 3rd August 2023. Birding the Arfak Mountains

We took a long hike down through the forest from our village base in the dark (with **Greater Sooty Owl** calling a few times) and got ourselves into position in a bird hide (bird blind) and sat and waited. A **Western Parotia** was calling hidden above us, and a **Green-backed Robin** hopped briefly into view. We were there primarily for the parotia, and after a bit of a wait the male bird dropped down into view and after a little while longer came down onto the ground and displayed for us – what an amazing sight. See the image in the trip report summary above for a shot of the bird just after he'd finished displaying. As we were sat in the hide we also had **Arfak Catbird**, **Spotted Jewel-babbler**, **Black-breasted Boatbill**, **Goldenface**, **Vogelkop Scrubwren**, and **Large Scrubwren** make brief appearances, while **Black-billed Sicklebill** and **Crescent-caped Lophorina** were calling overhead.

As we walked back to our village after enjoying the displaying **Western Parotia**, we found several other species, including **White-bibbed (Mountain) Fruit Dove**, **Papuan Lorikeet**, **Vogelkop Bowerbird**, **Arfak Honeyeater**, **Vogelkop Melidectes**, **Papuan Treecreeper**, **Friendly Fantail**, **Black Fantail**, **Goldenface**, and **Slaty Robin**.

Unfortunately, most of the afternoon was rained off. A **Magnificent Bird-of-paradise** was glimpsed by some but then the heavens opened and that was the end of that. A few other species, such as **White-faced Robin**, **Green-backed Robin**, **Black Fantail**, and **Papuan Mountain Pigeon** were noted, but conditions continued to deteriorate until nightfall.

Day 4, 4th August 2023. Birding the Arfak Mountains

We had an extremely thrilling morning in the Arfak Mountains near our village. We entered the forest in the dark after an early breakfast and made our way down a gentle slope to a bird blind. We based ourselves in the blind for most of the morning and the list of highlights was long and included great and very close views of four species of birds-of-paradise: **Crescent-caped Lophorina**, **Black-billed Sicklebill**, **Black Sicklebill**, and **Western Parotia**. While waiting for the birds-of-paradise to come into our viewpoint we spotted several other exciting birds, these included **Arfak Catbird**, **Vogelkop Bowerbird**, **Moluccan King Parrot**, **Papuan Lorikeet**, **Vogelkop Melidectes**, **Ornate Melidectes**, **Mountain Myzomela**, **Red-collared Myzomela**, **Papuan Monarch**, and **Green-backed Robin**. On the edge of the forest over a snack and drink break we found **Vogelkop Whistler**, **Black-throated Robin**, and the attractive **Canary Flyrobin**.

Moving on to a roadside viewpoint we waited around for a short while to see what we could find, with highlights including the huge **Blyth's Hornbill**, stunning **Masked Bowerbird**, and a flock of **Papuan Mountain Pigeons**, while **Trumpet Manucode**, **Lesser Bird-of-paradise**, and **Magnificent Bird-of-paradise** were all calling way down below us but not possible to see. Unfortunately, just after our morning birding session, the rain started and persisted all afternoon.



*A male **Crescent-caped Lophorina** came down and fed on some fruit right in front of us. It was very shy, but what a spectacular bird.*



*We enjoyed some amazing views of **Black-billed Sickiebill**, a species usually high in the canopy, this one dropped nice and low to give some eye-level views.*

Day 5, 5th August 2023. Birding the Arfak Mountains

Some of the group commenced the long hike up into the higher zone of the Arfak Mountains. We took the full morning to get to our very basic overnight campsite, birding along the way, with some of the top targets seen including **Long-tailed Paradigalla**, **Mottled Berryhunter**, **Vogelkop Melidectes**, **Cinnamon-browed Melidectes**, **Spotted Honeyeater**, **Arfak Honeyeater**, **Rufous-sided Honeyeater**, **Marbled Honeyeater**, **Crimson-collared Myzomela**, **Mountain Myzomela**, **Tit Berrypecker**, **Pygmy Lorikeet**, **Yellow-billed Lorikeet**, **White-shouldered Fairywren**, **Rufous-naped Bellbird**, **Black-breasted Boatbill**, **Friendly Fantail**, **Island Leaf Warbler**, and **Black-fronted White-eye**. Unfortunately, continuing the recent trend, the afternoon was a total washout, but we were satisfied with our great morning's bird sightings and had an early night.

Those staying at the middle elevations enjoyed plenty of good birds too, with their highlights from the morning watching an incredible display between five **Magnificent Birds-of-paradise**. These birds put on quite the show. They visited Anggi Lakes in the late morning where they found the top target, the highly range-restricted **Grey-banded Mannikin**, along with a great record of **Swamp Harrier** – potentially the first record for New Guinea's "Bird's Head Peninsula" and West Papua! Other good birds included **Papuan Grassbird** and **Tricolored Grebe**.



*The rather cute and tiny **Canary Flyrobin** was seen well on many occasions in the Arfaks.*

Day 6, 6th August 2023. Birding the Arfak Mountains and travel to Manokwari

The group birding in the middle elevations of the Arfak Mountains headed to a couple of different spots and racked up some more great birds, including **Pesquet's Parrot** (New Guinea Vulturine Parrot), **Grey Crow**, **Long-tailed Honey Buzzard**, **Golden Monarch**, **Crescent-caped Lophorina**, **Magnificent Bird-of-paradise**, **Black-billed Sicklebill**, and much more.

Those of us camping in the high elevation zone thankfully woke up to a dry, yet windy, morning (it had rained heavily for most of the night) and headed out early into the beautiful mossy forest. While birding in the forest we searched for, then found an **Arfak Astrapia** adult feeding a young bird. This large bird-of-paradise gave some good views and was the last of our major bird-of-paradise targets in the region. The immediate area also gave us **Black Sicklebill** (female), (Western) **Ornate Fruit Dove**, **White-bibbed** (Mountain) **Fruit Dove**, **Yellow-billed Lorikeet**, **Vogelkop Bowerbird**, **Dimorphic Fantail**, **Friendly Fantail**, **Regent Whistler**, **Canary Flyrobin**, and **Black-breasted Boatbill**.

A short while later, as we were admiring the view over the forest, we had an incredible flyover from a male **Black Sicklebill** that passed low over our heads. We had been listening to the birds' impressive far-carrying calls for the previous couple of hours and so it was a great ending to our time on the higher reaches of the mountain. We then made the walk off the mountain, which was rather slippery and slow-going after all the rain over the previous night. It was a pleasure to be back up the mountain and birding in a truly beautiful forest with some of the best birds of West Papua all around us.



*The range-restricted **Arfak Astrapia** was the highlight from the high elevation zone.*

Reluctantly, after a final lunch, we said goodbye to our village team after another enjoyable stay. The villagers really went out of their way to help us, as always, by building trails and blinds, cooking good food, helping carry gear, guide us through the forest, help us on the tougher trails, and generally look after us throughout our stay and we were all truly grateful for everything they had done for us. We spent the night back in Manokwari and enjoyed a nice warm shower and prepared for the next leg of our Papuan birding tour.

Day 7, 7th August 2023. Manokwari to Sorong, birding the mangroves near Sorong

In the morning we took the short flight from Manokwari to Sorong and had some free time to rest during the hot part of the day.

In the afternoon we visited some nearby mangroves where we found a few new birds, including **Emperor Fairywren**, **Orange-fronted Fruit Dove**, **Intermediate Egret**, **Striated Heron**, **Sacred Kingfisher**, **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Rainbow Bee-eater**, **Brown-backed Honeyeater**, **Willie Wagtail**, **Torresian Crow**, **Singing Starling**, and **Scaly-breasted Munia**, along with several other species we had seen before, such as **Glossy Swiftlet**, **Uniform Swiftlet**, **Pacific Swallow**, and **Olive-backed Sunbird**.



Emperor Fairywren gave fleeting views as it remained deep in the mangroves.

Day 8, 8th August 2023. Birding near Malagufuk (Klasow Valley) and travel to Waigeo

An exciting morning was spent birding in the Malagufuk area and was definitely worth the early start from Sorong, as we enjoyed one of the best morning's birding of the tour. We spent time around the car park first thing, and feasted on many new and exciting species, with top highlights including **Pesquet's Parrot** (New Guinea Vulturine Parrot), **Palm Cockatoo**, **Black Lory**, **Black-capped Lory**, **Papuan Eclectus**, **Large Fig Parrot**, **Orange-crowned Hanging Parrot**, **Papuan Spine-tailed Swift**, **Orange-bellied Fruit Dove**, **Pinon's Imperial Pigeon**, **Zoe's Imperial Pigeon**, **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Yellow-faced Myna**, **Metallic Starling**, and **Rufous-bellied Kookaburra**. Several huge **Blyth's Hornbills** flew overhead too – what a bird!

We then shifted focus to the birds-of-paradise and over the course of the next few hours enjoyed excellent views of **King Bird-of-paradise**, **Trumpet Manucode**, and **Magnificent Riflebird**. What a joy to hear them calling and watch them displaying – such incredible birds.



King Bird-of-paradise showed well in the mid-canopy. What a striking bird.



*We enjoyed watching the gorgeous **Magnificent Riflebird** on a display perch deep in the forest.*

As we entered the forest, we found plenty more birds, including **Hooded Pitta**, **Sooty Thicket Fantail**, **Chestnut-bellied Fantail**, **Northern Fantail**, **Frilled Monarch**, **Yellow-breasted Boatbill**, **Olive Flyrobin**, **Black-sided Robin**, **Arafura Shrikethrush**, **Puff-backed**

Honeyeater, Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher, Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot, Moluccan King Parrot, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Pacific Baza, Long-tailed Honey Buzzard, and Golden Myna.



This pair of miniscule Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrots showed well.

After a great morning we very reluctantly left the site to get back to Sorong in time for lunch in the city and to then catch the afternoon ferry to Waigeo, part of the Raja Ampat Islands. On arrival in Waigeo, we headed straight to our accommodation, noting a few interesting birds along the way, such as **Grey-headed Goshawk, Hooded Butcherbird, Spice Imperial Pigeon, Pied Imperial Pigeon, Pinon's Imperial Pigeon, and Moustached Treeswift.**

Day 9, 9th August 2023. Birding on Waigeo Island

We had another early start and hiked deep into some forest to try and see **Red Bird-of-paradise**. It was a tough hike and, unfortunately, the wind was a little high when we got to the spot. Although birds were heard, they were not seen. We would have to hope for our luck to improve during our stay on the island. We descended the hill and got into some blinds in a gully where in no time at all our spirits were lifted as we found ourselves eyeball-to-eyeball with **Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise**, one of *the* best-looking birds in the world (and a rather unique one at that). We spent a good amount of time with this most sought-after of birds-of-paradise. A remarkable bird, see the trip report cover photo.

After our bird-of-paradise session we continued picking up different species in the forest in the morning and early afternoon, with species including **Raja Ampat Pitohui, Rusty Pitohui, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Golden Monarch, Frilled Monarch, Black-sided Robin, Hooded Butcherbird, Black Butcherbird, Tawny-breasted Honeyeater, Puff-backed Honeyeater,**

Papuan Pitta, Yellow-bellied Longbill, Rusty Mouse-warbler, and Green-backed Gerygone. We also saw a couple of female **Red Birds-of-paradise** briefly as they were foraging (with more males heard distantly).



*We had great looks at localized **Raja Ampat Pitohui** while birding on Waigeo.*



***Rufous-bellied Kookaburra** was a popular large kingfisher that showed nicely.*

In the afternoon we spent some time around our dive resort and some more open areas (mudflats with forest views). Here we added lots of interesting birds, such as **Papuan Eclectus** (nesting), **Red-cheeked Parrot**, **Sulphur-crested Cockatoo**, **Great-billed Parrot**, **Gurney's Eagle**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Pink-spotted Fruit Dove**, **Claret-breasted Fruit Dove**, **Pinon's Imperial Pigeon**, **Spice Imperial Pigeon**, **Pied Imperial Pigeon**, **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Moustached Treeswift**, **Lesser Frigatebird**, **Beach Kingfisher**, and **Sacred Kingfisher**. It was nice to see some shorebirds (waders) and other waterbirds too, and we found **Pacific Golden Plover**, **Eurasian Whimbrel**, **Grey-tailed Tattler**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Little Egret**, **Striated Heron**, and **Pacific Reef Heron**.

Day 10, 10th August 2023. Birding on Waigeo Island and Kri Island

We had another early start (with **Papuan Frogmouth** in the car park) to get to a different **Red Bird-of-paradise** lek site and again it was a little too windy for the birds to display. One sat out of sight behind us calling but just would not come out into view. We then spent some time at a bird blind where some of the group were lucky enough to glimpse a **Papuan Pitta** that came through a couple of times. A **Black-sided Robin** showed well here, while a pair of **Brown-headed Crows** and several **Blyth's Hornbills** flew over and a few **Red-cheeked Parrots** gave good views.

Late in the morning we took a speedboat over some rather lumpy water to nearby Kri Island. We arrived a little wetter than when we set off but soon dried off given the heat! We took a walk around the dive resort grounds and found several exciting birds, such as **Common Paradise Kingfisher**, **Dusky Megapode**, **Violet-necked Lory**, **Claret-breasted Fruit Dove**, **Shining Flycatcher**, **Singing Starling**, **Moluccan Starling**, **Mimic Honeyeater**, and had great views of **Glossy-mantled Manucode**, a rather distinctive bird-of-paradise.



*This gorgeous **Common Paradise Kingfisher** gave excellent close and unconcerned views.*



*This **Glossy-mantled Manucode** was quietly resting in the canopy during the middle of the day.*

Before a delicious lunch, several of the group went for a snorkeling session on the impressive reef and on the way back to Waigeo we found a feeding group of seabirds which included **Black-naped Tern**, **Common Tern**, **Bridled Tern**, **Lesser Frigatebird**, and **Bulwer's Petrel**.



*A stunning male **Red Bird-of-paradise** showed briefly, but mainly remained hidden.*

In the afternoon we walked back to the **Red Bird-of-paradise** lek site, it was a little less windy than the morning birding session and after a short wait a stunning adult male flew in and gave a brief showing. A short while later three female/young male birds flew in and showed for a bit more of a prolonged view. Satisfied with the views we headed back to our dive resort for dinner.

Day 11, 11th August 2023. Birding on Waigeo Island and travel to Sorong

We had a final morning birding on Waigeo before catching the ferry back to Sorong. Some of the group went back to the bird hides to watch **Wilson's Bird-of-paradise**. One group saw a pair of birds mating and another group had a super close and showy male. A wonderful way to end the tour. Some of the group did some roadside birding near the dive resort, getting some great looks at **Coconut Lorikeet, Papuan Eclectus, Red-cheeked Parrot, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Grey-headed Goshawk, Pinion's Imperial Pigeon, Claret-breasted Fruit Dove, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Moustached Treeswift, Spangled Drongo, Hooded Butcherbird, Brown-headed Crow, Torresian Crow, Yellow-faced Myna, Singing Starling, Oriental Dollarbird, Black Sunbird, Olive-crowned Flowerpecker**, a flock of **Glossy-mantled Manucodes**, including several birds displaying, and a female **Red Bird-of-paradise** high in a tree.



Wilson's Bird-of-paradise gave excellent close views (photo by tour participant, Chris Hill).

We enjoyed a wonderfully joyous final group dinner together in Sorong, reliving the many highlights from this exciting tour. The birds were the main feature on the tour, but the people we met along the way made a lasting impression on us all and will live just as long in our memories as the stunning birds we had seen. We had fun running through possible “bird of the trip” contenders, not an easy task given what had unfolded over the previous days, but several birds-of-paradise (unsurprisingly) came out on top and included **Magnificent Bird-of-paradise, Wilson's**

Bird-of-paradise, Western Parotia, and Arfak Astrapia. The first three on the list had put on remarkable displays for us to watch and the fourth species a fine result after some tough physical exertion to get up the mountain to look for it.

Day 12, 12th August 2023. Tour concluded with departure from Sorong

A non-birding day with everyone departing for onward travel in the morning. A huge thank you must go out to our excellent local team of guides, porters, cooks, drivers, etc., for helping make the tour run so smoothly, we are already excited to return next year. Another huge thank you to all the tour participants for making this such an enjoyable trip!



Papuan Eclectus was a popular parrot which was enjoyed daily on Waigeo.

Bird List - Following IOC (13.2)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen. The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: VU = Vulnerable.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Megapodes (Megapodiidae)	
Red-billed Brushturkey (H)	<i>Talegalla cuvieri</i>
Dusky Megapode	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>
Frogmouths (Podargidae)	
Marbled Frogmouth (H)	<i>Podargus ocellatus</i>
Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>
Owlet-nightjars (Aegothelidae)	
Mountain Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles albertisi</i>
Vogelkop Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles affinis</i>
Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)	
Moustached Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>
Mountain Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus hirundinaceus</i>
Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>
Papuan Spine-tailed Swift	<i>Mearnsia novaeguineae</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Ivory-billed Coucal (H)	<i>Centropus menbeki</i>
Pacific Koel (H)	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>
Shining Bronze Cuckoo (H)	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>
Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis castaneiventris</i>
Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i> [dom]
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia doreya</i>
Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>
Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardti</i>
Wompoo Fruit Dove (H)	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>
Pink-spotted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus</i>
Ornate Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus ornatus</i>
Orange-fronted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>
White-bibbed Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>
Claret-breasted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>
Orange-bellied Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>
Spice Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula myristicivora</i>
Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon (H)	<i>Ducula rufigaster</i>
Rufescent Imperial Pigeon (H)	<i>Ducula chalconota</i>
Pinon's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon</i>
Zoe's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>
Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>
Papuan Mountain Pigeon	<i>Gymnophaps albertisii</i>
Flufftails (Scolopacidae)	
White-striped Forest Rail	<i>Rallicula leucospila</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Barred Rail	<i>Hypotaenidia torquata</i>
Pale-vented Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccana</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Tricolored Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus tricolor</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Petrels, Shearwaters, Diving Petrels (Procellariidae)	
Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>
Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)	
Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Ospreys (Pandionidae)	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>
Long-tailed Honey Buzzard	<i>Henicopernis longicauda</i>
Gurney's Eagle	<i>Aquila gurneyi</i>
Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster</i>
Black-mantled Goshawk	<i>Accipiter melanochlamys</i>
Grey-headed Goshawk	<i>Accipiter poliocephalus</i>
Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Greater Sooty Owl (H)	<i>Tyto tenebricosa</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
Papuan Boobook (H)	<i>Ninox theomacha</i>
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Rhyticeros plicatus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Oriental Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Hook-billed Kingfisher (H)	<i>Melidora macrorrhina</i>
Common Paradise Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera galatea</i>
Rufous-bellied Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>
Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus saurophagus</i>
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>
Yellow-billed Kingfisher (H)	<i>Syma torotoro</i>
Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx solitarius</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>
Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)	
Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Pesquet's Parrot - VU	<i>Psittrichas fulgidus</i>
Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta keiensis</i>
Moluccan King Parrot	<i>Alisterus amboinensis</i>
Papuan Eclectus	<i>Eclectus polychloros</i>
Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>
Blue-collared Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus simplex</i>
Great-billed Parrot	<i>Tanygnathus megalorynchos</i>
Plum-faced Lorikeet	<i>Oreopsittacus arfaki</i>
Pygmy Lorikeet	<i>Charminetta wilhelminae</i>
Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Hypocharmosyna placentis</i>
Papuan Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna papou</i>
Yellow-billed Lorikeet	<i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii</i>
Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius lory</i>
Black Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta atra</i>
Violet-necked Lory	<i>Eos squamata</i>

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Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>
Large Fig Parrot	<i>Psittaculirostris desmarestii</i>
Blue-fronted Fig Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta guliemitertii</i>
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>
Orange-fronted Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus aurantiifrons</i>
Pittas (Pittidae)	
Papuan Pitta	<i>Erythropitta macklotii</i>
Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta sordida</i>
Bowerbirds (Ptilonorhynchidae)	
Arfak Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus arfakianus</i>
Vogelkop Bowerbird	<i>Amblyornis inornata</i>
Masked Bowerbird	<i>Sericulus aureus</i>
Australasian Treecreepers (Climacteridae)	
Papuan Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates placens</i>
Australasian Wrens (Maluridae)	
Emperor Fairywren	<i>Malurus cyanocephalus</i>
White-shouldered Fairywren	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>
Honeyeaters (Meliphagidae)	
Rufous-sided Honeyeater	<i>Ptiloprora erythropleura</i>
Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>
Arfak Honeyeater	<i>Melipotes gymnops</i>
Marbled Honeyeater	<i>Pycnopygius cinereus</i>
Mountain Myzomela	<i>Myzomela adolphinae</i>
Red-collared Myzomela	<i>Myzomela rosenbergii</i>
New Guinea Friarbird	<i>Philemon novaeguineae</i>
Spotted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis polygrammus</i>
Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer</i>
Puff-backed Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga aruensis</i>
Scrub Honeyeater	<i>Microptilotis albonotatus</i>
Mimic Honeyeater	<i>Microptilotis analogus</i>
Cinnamon-browed Melidectes	<i>Melidectes ochromelas</i>
Vogelkop Melidectes	<i>Melidectes leucostephes</i>
Ornate Melidectes	<i>Melidectes torquatus</i>

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Australasian Warblers (Acanthizidae)	
Goldenface	<i>Pachycare flavogriseum</i>
Rusty Mouse-warbler	<i>Origma murina</i>
Mountain Mouse-warbler (H)	<i>Origma robusta</i>
Pale-billed Scrubwren	<i>Aethomyias spilodera</i>
Vogelkop Scrubwren	<i>Aethomyias rufescens</i>
Large Scrubwren	<i>Sericornis nouhuysi</i>
Brown-breasted Gerygone	<i>Gerygone ruficollis</i>
Green-backed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone chloronota</i>
Berrypeckers, Longbills (Melanocharitidae)	
Yellow-bellied Longbill	<i>Toxorhamphus novaeguineae</i>
Painted Berrypeckers (Paramythiidae)	
Tit Berrypecker	<i>Oreocharis arfaki</i>
Jewel-babblers, Quail-thrushes (Cinclosomatidae)	
Spotted Jewel-babbler	<i>Ptilorrhoa leucosticta</i>
Blue Jewel-babbler (H)	<i>Ptilorrhoa caerulescens</i>
Boatbills (Machaerirhynchidae)	
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer</i>
Black-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus nigriceps</i>
Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & Allies (Artamidae)	
White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>
Mountain Peltops	<i>Peltops montanus</i>
Black Butcherbird	<i>Melloria quoyi</i>
Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>
Mottled Berryhunter (Rhagologidae)	
Mottled Berryhunter	<i>Rhagologus leucostigma</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
Boyer's Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina boyeri</i>
Black-bellied Cuckooshrike	<i>Edolisoma montanum</i>
Black-browed Triller	<i>Lalage atrovirens</i>

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Australo-Papuan Bellbirds (Oreoicidae)	
Rufous-naped Bellbird	<i>Aleadryas rufinucha</i>
Whistlers & Allies (Pachycephalidae)	
Vogelkop Whistler	<i>Pachycephala meyeri</i>
Grey Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex</i>
Regent Whistler	<i>Pachycephala schlegelii</i>
Rusty Pitohui	<i>Pseudorectes ferrugineus</i>
Arafura Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>
Figbirds, Old World Orioles, Piopios (Oriolidae)	
Northern Variable Pitohui	<i>Pitohui kirhocephalus</i>
Raja Ampat Pitohui	<i>Pitohui cerviniventris</i>
Hooded Pitohui	<i>Pitohui dichrous</i>
Brown Oriole	<i>Oriolus szalayi</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)	
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>
Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>
Sooty Thicket Fantail	<i>Rhipidura threnothorax</i>
Black Fantail	<i>Rhipidura atra</i>
Chestnut-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hyperythra</i>
Friendly Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albolimbata</i>
Dimorphic Fantail	<i>Rhipidura brachyrhyncha</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Black Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus axillaris</i>
Golden Monarch	<i>Carterornis chrysomela</i>
Friiled Monarch	<i>Arses telescopthalmus</i>
Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Brown-headed Crow	<i>Corvus fuscicapillus</i>
Grey Crow	<i>Corvus tristis</i>
Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>

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Birds-of-paradise (Paradisaeidae)	
Glossy-mantled Manucode	<i>Manucodia ater</i>
Trumpet Manucode	<i>Phonygammus keraudrenii</i>
Long-tailed Paradigalla	<i>Paradigalla carunculata</i>
Arfak Astrapia	<i>Astrapia nigra</i>
Western Parotia	<i>Parotia sefilata</i>
Crescent-caped Lophorina	<i>Lophorina niedda</i>
Magnificent Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris magnificus</i>
Black Sicklebill	<i>Epimachus fastosus</i>
Black-billed Sicklebill	<i>Drepanornis albertisi</i>
Magnificent Bird-of-paradise	<i>Diphyllodes magnificus</i>
Wilson's Bird-of-paradise	<i>Diphyllodes respublica</i>
King Bird-of-paradise	<i>Cicinnurus regius</i>
Lesser Bird-of-paradise (H)	<i>Paradisaea minor</i>
Red Bird-of-paradise	<i>Paradisaea rubra</i>
Australasian Robins (Petroicidae)	
White-faced Robin	<i>Tregellasia leucops</i>
Slaty Robin	<i>Peneothello cyanus</i>
Black-sided Robin	<i>Poecilodryas hypoleuca</i>
Black-throated Robin	<i>Plesiodryas albonotata</i>
Ashy Robin	<i>Heteromyias albispecularis</i>
Olive Flyrobin	<i>Kempiella flavovirescens</i>
Canary Flyrobin	<i>Devioeca papuana</i>
Green-backed Robin	<i>Pachycephalopsis hattamensis</i>
Lesser Ground Robin (H)	<i>Amalocichla incerta</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)	
Island Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus poliocephalus</i>
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Papuan Grassbird	<i>Cincloramphus macrurus</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Black-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops chrysolaeus</i>
Capped White-eye	<i>Zosterops fuscicapilla</i>

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Starlings, Rhabdornises (Sturnidae)	
Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>
Singing Starling	<i>Aplonis cantoroides</i>
Moluccan Starling	<i>Aplonis mysolensis</i>
Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>
Golden Myna	<i>Mino anais</i>
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Olive-crowned Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pectorale</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Black Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma aspasia</i>
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildidae)	
Streak-headed Mannikin	<i>Mayrimunia tristissima</i>
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
Grey-banded Mannikin	<i>Lonchura vana</i>
Total seen	195
Total heard only	16
Total recorded	211

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Cuscuses and Brushtail Possums (Phalangeridae)	
Northern Common Cuscus	<i>Phalanger orientalis</i>
Bandicoots (Peramelidae)	
Common Echymipera	<i>Echymipera kalubu</i>
Old World Mice and Rats (Muridae)	
Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>
Total	3

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Geckos (Gekkonidae)	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Pacific Bluetail Skink	<i>Emoia caeruleocauda</i>
Azure-tailed Skink	<i>Emoia impar</i>
Littoral Whiptail Skink	<i>Emoia atrocostata</i>
Indonesian Brown Rainbow Skink	<i>Carlia fusca</i>
Total	5