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Papua New Guinea II

Trip Report

25th July to 10th August 2016 (18 days)



Ribbon-tailed Astrapia by Wayne Jones

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Trip report compiled by Wayne Jones



Top 10 birds

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| 1. Ribbon-tailed Astrapia | 6. Blue-capped Ibrit |
| 2. Southern Crowned Pigeon | 7. Brehm’s Tiger Parrot |
| 3. Greater Bird-of-paradise | 8. Papuan Frogmouth |
| 4. Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise | 9. Palm Cockatoo |
| 5. King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise | 10. Raggiana Bird-of-paradise |



Fawn-breasted Bowerbird by Wayne Jones

The Papua New Guinean capital of Port Moresby served as the kick-off point for our tour of this fabled country. We made our way across town to the grounds of the Pacific Adventist University (PAU) where a pair of rapidly drying ponds held a wealth of waterbirds. Handsome Comb-crested Jacana, Australasian Swamphen and Dusky Moorhen provided wonderful photo opps as they wandered to within metres of us. Wandering Whistling and the scarcer Plumed Whistling Ducks were not quite as bold and opted to stick to the middle of the water. Pacific Black Duck, Pied Heron, Intermediate and Great Egrets, Australasian Grebe, Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants and Nankeen Night Heron were also seen around the waterbodies. In

addition to the site’s two main attractions – Fawn-breasted Bowerbird and the massive Papuan Frogmouth – we encountered Masked Lapwing on the manicured lawns and Bar-shouldered and Peaceful Doves, gorgeous Orange-fronted Fruit Dove, Coconut Lorikeet, Rufous-banded Honeyeater, New Guinea Friarbird, Black-backed Butcherbird, Black-faced Cuckooshrike, Australasian Figbird, Brown Oriole, Metallic Starlings and the comical Yellow-faced Myna in the surrounding parkland.

Our visit to Varirata National Park the following day began with an early morning visit to the Raggiana Bird-of-paradise lek site – managing to spot a Grey Dorcopsis as it dashed across the road! Pulling up at the lek, we could already hear the male Raggianas excitedly squawking so we quickly made our way to the action. There were at least four displaying males and they all went hysterical whenever a female came past, prostrating their wings and fluffing up their fabulous ruddy flank plumes. What a sensational introduction to PNG’s most famous bird family!



Raggiana Bird-of-paradise by Wayne Jones

Leaving the lek behind, we walked a couple of gentle trails through Varirata’s mixed broad-leaved woodland and dry evergreen habitats. Along the way, we gently rubbed the bases of



some trees to see if anything would peek out of hollows higher up the trunks. On our first try, a Sugar Glider climbed up to the rim and peered down at us for a little while!



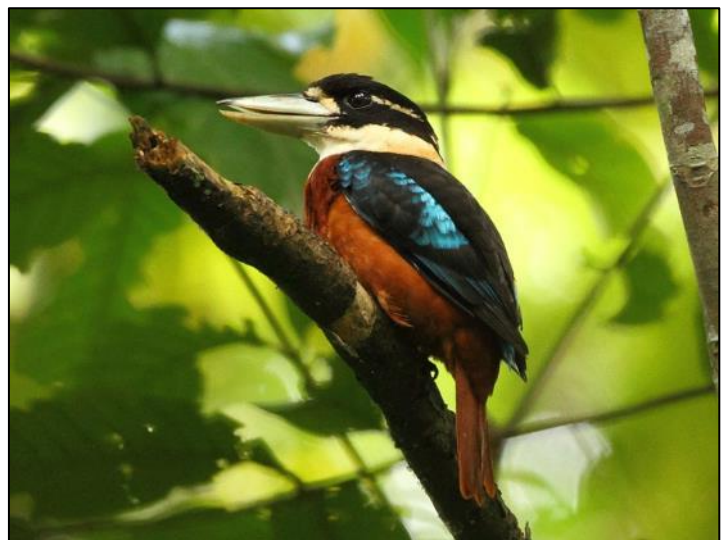
Hooded Pitohui by Markus Lilje

At the next tree, we found our intended target – a tiny Barred Owlet-Nightjar, which crawled up and sat, staring at us for a minute or so before returning to its hole. We encountered more Raggiana BOPs moving in a mixed flock, along with frustratingly shy Growling Riflebirds and Papuan King Parrots - a lucky few at the front of the queue managed glimpses of a Pheasant Pigeon as it flushed from the path. The group had better luck with Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher, another notoriously reticent species, which thankfully allowed everyone super views. Other birds along the trails included Yellow-bellied and Fairy Gerygones, Black Berrypecker, Rusty Mouse-Warbler, Chestnut-bellied Fantail, Mimic Honeyeater, Hooded Butcherbird,

Black, Spot-winged and Frilled Monarchs, endearing White-faced Robin, Zoe’s Imperial Pigeon, Rusty Pitohui, Black Cicadabird, Grey Whistler and Wompoo Fruit Dove.

The easy birding around the picnic site clearing contrasted sharply with our experiences along the trails; nesting Brahminy Kite, eye-searingly bright Eclectus Parrot, Red-cheeked Parrot, normally shy Yellow-billed Kingfisher, Stout-billed and Barred Cuckooshrikes, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Great and Amboyna Cuckoo-Doves, the boldly plumaged Hooded Pitohui (one of PNG’s curious “poison birds”) and Dusky Myzomela all showed off nicely. The open eucalyptus woodland on our way out held a variety of more typically Australian species – Forest Kingfisher, Blue-winged Kookaburra, Streak-headed and White-throated Honeyeaters, stunning Rainbow Bee-eater, Black-faced and White-bellied Cuckooshrikes, Coconut Lorikeet, localised Black-backed Butcherbird, Lemon-bellied Flyrobin and the aesthetically challenged, yet vocally talented, Grey Shrikethrush.

Our final stop for the day was small, reed-filled marsh near the Kokoda Trail. Huddling under a large tree to shelter from the afternoon showers, we only glimpsed Pheasant Coucal, but had wonderful looks at a pair of White-shouldered Fairywrens, the scarce Great-billed Mannikin and Grey-headed Mannikin.



Rufous-bellied Kookaburra by Markus Lilje

The next morning, we flew to Tari in the central highlands – famous for its Huli Wigmen and the birds-of-paradise, whose feathers adorn their ornate headwear! Over the next few days, we explored the Tari Valley from the comfortable base of Ambua Lodge. The fruiting tree on the lodge grounds was one



of the main attractions and any spare moment was usually spent waiting to see what would turn up next. In under an hour on one morning, we recorded eight species of BOP, many of them in the tree at the same time!



Lawes's Parotia by Wayne Jones

These included a scarce (and obviously wary) male Black Sicklebill, the even rarer Black-billed Sicklebill (a female bird), a female Brown Sicklebill, a Short-tailed Paradigalla, a female Superb BOP, resplendent Princess Stephanie's *Astrapia* and the regulars – a female Blue BOP and multiple female Lawes's Parotias. Other visitors to the tree during this short period included Great and Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Doves, female Loria's Satinbird and Tit Berrypecker, while Spotted Berrypecker popped into another tree close by. The Tari Gap road took our single-day BOP tally to an incredible ten species when we found two BOPs with extraordinarily long feathers. The breathtaking male Ribbon-tailed *Astrapia* has the longest (tail) feathers in relation to body

size of any bird; the quirky male King-of-Saxony BOP is the reverse with a stubby tail and a pair of long, unwieldy plumes sticking out from his head. We recorded more sightings of each BOP species over our three days in the Tari Valley, but perhaps most exciting was a rare male Lawes's Parotia, whose fancy headgear resembled six spindly hairpins dangling from his crown.

Other delights in the lodge grounds included the gorgeous White-bibbed Fruit Dove, Rufous-throated Bronze, Glossy Swiftlet, Yellow-billed Lorikeet, Common Smoky Honeyeater, Yellow-browed Melidectes, Great Woodswallows - huddling together in the cool of the morning, Mountain Peltops, Papuan Sitella, Willie Wagtail and Black-sided Robin. The taxing waterfall trail alongside the lodge was surprisingly quiet, although we did get looks at Sclater's Whistler, Slaty Robin and Torrent-lark in between negotiating a variety of ingenious suspension bridges. A spotlighting expedition at the lodge revealed not our intended targets (Papuan Boobook or Sooty Owl) but rather a massive Rufous Owl that sat in the same position for over an hour, allowing everyone good views and pics. This was a first on any Rockjumper tour and probably one of the first records for the area!



Yellow-billed Lorikeet by Markus Lilje

It wasn't only the birdlife that made Ambua special. At night, the outside lights attracted thousands of moths of all shapes, sizes and colours. Around any wall light, you were likely to find in excess of 60 species, but it was the impressive Atlas Moth that stole the show (there was a recently metamorphosed individual in prime condition). Huge cicadas



and friendly Rhinoceros Beetles added to the spectacular arthropod array.



Huli Wigmen by Wayne Jones

Although not much higher, the forest above the lodge (towards the Tari Gap) falls into a different altitudinal range and thus harboured a few birds not found lower down, such as Papuan Mountain Pigeon, Plum-faced Lorikeet and Papuan Lorikeets, Archbold's Bowerbird, Red-collared Myzomela, Rufous-backed Honeyeater, Black-throated Honeyeater, ubiquitous Belford's Melidectes, Papuan Scrubwren, Brown-breasted Gerygone, nesting Fan-tailed Berrypecker, Crested Berrypecker, Regent Whistler, Brown-backed Whistler, Black and Friendly Fantails and Canary Flyrobin. The Tari Gap itself is a beautiful stretch of montane grassland, cradled by cloud forest slopes and alpine peaks. We found a juvenile Papuan Harrier quartering low over some marshland, a couple of uncommon (in PNG at least) Black-winged Kites, Papuan Grassbird, Island Thrush, Long-tailed Shrike and Pied Bush Chat.

Of course, a visit to the Tari region would not be complete without taking the time to experience some of the area's rich culture. We were treated to a sing-sing, which involved a few Huli Wigmen performing a dance evidently influenced by bird-of-paradise mating displays. With their faces painted in bright colours, an array of BOP feathers adorning their fuzzy headgear and hornbill mandibles hanging down their backs, the wigmen were certainly a sight to behold. As a bonus, we also saw Island Leaf Warbler and Capped White-eye in the grounds!

At the end of our time around Tari, we bussed our way to Kumul Lodge near Mt Hagen, climbing and dropping as we passed through spectacular terrain, cut by numerous gorges and imposing peaks. It was a long drive so we didn't stop to bird, only picking up chance Brown Falcon, Hooded Mannikin and a glimpsed Spotless Crake along the way. That afternoon, the deck overlooking the feeding platform at Kumul made a welcome change from being on the bus all day. Visitors to the platform that would become very familiar to us over the next few days included the world's plumpest Brehm's Tiger Parrots, Grey-streaked Honeyeater, Rufous-naped Whistler, female Ribbon-tailed Astrapias, a female Brown Sicklebill, Friendly Fantail, cute White-winged Robin, Island Thrush, Common Smoky Honeyeater and the ubiquitous Belford's Melidectes. Another garden denizen was a spectacular male Ribbon-tailed Astrapia, which we saw a number of times during our stay and which gave some sensational views.



Brehm's Tiger Parrot by Wayne Jones



Those perfect, silky arctic-white tail feathers really are something to behold up close!



Blue-capped Ibrit by Wayne Jones

Activities during our time at Kumul Lodge ranged from exploring the surrounding cloud forest (in between bouts of rain) to admiring the orchids in Max's Orchid Garden, walking a muddy trail which turned into a small stream an hour later along the Mt Giluwe Road, looking for Lesser BOP at Kama Village and stopping off at the Lae River. The lodge trails yielded Painted Tiger Parrot, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, Plum-faced Lorikeet, Large Scrubwren, Mountain Mouse-Warbler, Tit and Crested Berrypeckers, a female Mountain Firetail and less than obliging Lesser Melampitta. At the other end of the cooperation spectrum, a pair of Blue-capped Ibrits allowed such close approach that even cellphone snappers could get great shots. And,

after much time and effort, we finally nailed looks at a brilliantly hued male Crested Satinbird below the cabins.

Our nocturnal walks around the lodge met with less success. On our first night, three satellites and three shooting stars cutting across the spectacularly clear sky made up for the lack of birdlife. Back at the feeding table, three (*more* threes?!) Black-tailed Giant Rats cleaned up the scraps left by the table's day visitors. We did manage to find a calling Papuan Boobook the following night which gave nice, prolonged views.

At Kama Village, a male Lesser BOP put on a show for us before we moved down towards the Lai River where we picked up Brown Goshawk, Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove, Rainbow Bee-eater, Coconut Lorikeet, White-shouldered Fairywren, Mountain Myzomela, Ornate Melidectes, Mountain Honeyeater, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Torrent Flyrobin, Black-fronted White-eye, improved views of Hooded Mannikin and the area's big special, Yellow-breasted Bowerbird.

We said goodbye to the cool and comfortable – if very wet – highlands and flew to Tabubil. This small mining town was set up to service the huge copper and gold mine operation nearby. That afternoon, we headed out to the Ok Menga Hydro Plant in search of the torrent-loving Salvadori's Teal. Our initial hunt came up empty-handed but we were excitedly summoned back to the spot by Joseph Kepuknai, our local guide. Down on the water,



Salvadori's Teal by Markus Lilje



a bright orange-yellow bill gave away the location of this otherwise cryptically coloured bird.



Orange-breasted Fig Parrot by Markus Lilje

Walking back towards the tunnel, the secondary forest flanking the road and the more distant primary forest yielded a number of species: Sacred Kingfisher, 300+ Papuan Mountain Pigeons in flight, Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Eclectus Parrot, brief overhead Dusky Lory, Tawny-breasted and Scrub Honeyeaters, Yellow-bellied Gerygone, Black Butcherbird, Brown Oriole, Spangled Drongo, Grey Crow and a female Greater BOP. On our way back into town, we found six gorgeous Moustached Treeswifts sporting their Chinese dragon-style “facial hair”. On our return visit the following afternoon, we added Peregrine Falcon (a scarce species in PNG), Black-shouldered Cicadabird and White-bellied Thicket Fantail, along with

Little Ringed Plover (the endemic breeding subspecies) and Superb Fruit Dove at other points nearby.

Tabubil’s other prime birding spot is Dablin Creek, a steep, gravelly pipeline road that provided access to the mid-altitude forest that we visited on two occasions. We concentrated our efforts on a couple of fruiting trees and a lovely *Albizia*-like tree that attracted its fair share of specials. The birding was often slow but this was more than compensated for by the quality – a quartet of uncommon honeyeaters: Green-backed, Spotted, Long-billed and Puff-backed Honeyeaters, Obscure Berrypecker, Mountain Peltops, Variable Goshawk, Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove, White-eared Bronze Cuckoo, Long-tailed Honey Buzzard, Red-breasted Pygmy Parrot, six Pesquet’s Parrots, Orange-breasted Fig Parrot, Red and Papuan Black Myzomelas, Green-backed Gerygone, a male and two female Queen Carola’s Parotias quite far off, Stout-billed, Grey-headed and Golden Cuckooshrikes, Black-winged Monarch and Crinkle-collared Manucode. One of the prime targets in the Tabubil area was the Magnificent Bird-of-paradise. We slowly improved on our sightings, starting with two females during our first outing to Dablin Creek. This was followed by more looks at the blue-billed females the following day, until finally, we had excellent scoped views of the yellow and blackish-green male and his curlicue tail.



Greater Bird-of-paradise by Markus Lilje

Our next port of call – literally – was Kiunga, the harbour town situated on the broad Fly River. En route we encountered many truck convoys – for which we had to pull aside – ferrying products and supplies between Kiunga and the mine at Tabubil. This allowed for the occasional spot of birding, such as scoping the (at the time) much-desired Black Sunbird! Closer to Kiunga, we paid a few visits to Kilometre 17, an accessible patch of lowland forest where David Attenborough was



famously hoisted up a tree to spy on birds-of-paradise.



Palm Cockatoo by Markus Lilje

made it into the top three birds of the trip. The rest of the inner forest was very quiet but out on the edge we found Bulbous-eyed Pacific Baza, Grey-headed Goshawk, Black-billed Coucal, Hooded Butcherbird, 20 scarce Yellow-eyed Starlings among the ubiquitous Metallic Starlings, Golden Myna and a cacophony of hundreds of comical Yellow-faced Mynas settling in for the night.

The next day we drove a short distance out of town and claimed our spot on the unassuming knoll along the Boys' Town Road. As with all forest birding in PNG, there were numerous quiet spells punctuated by flurries of activity featuring Pink-spotted and Orange-bellied Fruit Doves, Great Cuckoo-Dove, Pinon's and Zoe's Imperial Pigeons, Papuan Spine-tailed Swift, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Blyth's Hornbill, Palm Cockatoo, Red-cheeked Parrot, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Black-capped and Yellowish-streaked Lories, Coconut Lorikeet, Plain, Elegant and Streak-headed Honeyeaters, Lowland Peltops, Boyer's Cuckooshrike, Varied Triller, Glossy-mantled Manucode and sought-after White-spotted Mannikin. Our key target here was Flame Bowerbird. We scoped a distant male with his eye-poppingly bright plumage and enjoyed lengthier looks at two females, one of which perched quite close. The star of the morning, though, was a New Guinea Bronzewing that we watched trundling along in the middle of the gravel road. This is normally a very shy species, glimpsed as it flies rapidly across a trail so we were extremely fortunate to observe one so well and for such a long time.

Early the next morning, we set out on a couple of boats along the mighty Fly River. Due to the breadth of the river, birding was limited, but once we turned on to its smaller tributaries – the Elevala and Ketu Rivers – the environment was more intimate and our birding began in earnest.

We naturally visited the tree and paid homage to the great naturalist – but only after sampling the delights that attracted Attenborough to the spot in the first place. High in the canopy, in its favourite tree, a male King BOP tested the limits of warbler-neck but ultimately gave us excellent views. We even managed to see those famous spiralled green discs at the ends of its tail wires. But he was just the opening act. The main performance took place further along the trail where ten male Greater BOPs and two male Raggiana BOPs whipped themselves into a feathery frenzy every time a couple of females happened past. We even witnessed the creation of future BOPs! We watched, absorbed, for ages... it wasn't a surprise when this species



Lowland Peltops by Markus Lilje





Channel-billed Cuckoo by Markus Lilje

We saw no less than three Twelve-wired Birds-of-paradise, one of which performed his little jig up and down his display perch! One of the pure joys of visiting PNG's lowland forest has to be the sound of a huge Blyth's Hornbill flapping in slow motion overhead. We were fortunate to see and hear good numbers of these fabulous birds along with massive Palm Cockatoos, which gave themselves away with their shrill squawking. Other species included Great Egret, Pacific Baza, a Grey-headed Goshawk displaying alongside an unperturbed pigeon, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Stephan's Emerald Dove, Beautiful, Superb and Dwarf Fruit Doves, Pinon's, Zoe's and Collared Imperial Pigeons, Pacific Koel, marvellous Pterodactyl-like Channel-billed Cuckoo, Little

Bronze Cuckoo, Papuan Spine-tailed Swift, numerous Oriental Dollarbirds, Black-capped and Dusky Lories, Double-eyed and Orange-breasted Fig Parrots, New Guinea Friarbird, the riverside specialists, Large-billed Gerygone and Shining Flycatcher, White-bellied Pitohui, Glossy-mantled and Trumpet Manucodes and the Golden Trio – Myna, Cuckooshrike and Monarch.

The steamy lowland rainforest houses a number of tough kingfisher species. We managed to track down a lovely Common Paradise Kingfisher but Hook-billed and Little Paradise Kingfishers remained elusive, despite them calling tantalisingly close. Blue Jewel-babbler was equally tough and was only seen by a couple of people, while everyone had good views of Southern Crowned Pigeon in all its glory. But even all of these amazing birds were outshone by our sighting of a rare New Guinea Flightless Rail that poked around a chopped sago palm while a beautiful (Mangrove?) monitor lizard hovered close by. On the day that we left the fishing camp, we set out early to maximise the coolness of morning and were greeted by a magical sight. All around us, hundreds of thousands of white mayflies danced over the surface of the water in a scene worthy of Disney's *Fantasia*. We passed through this sublime performance for a kilometre or two before pulling up to the bank and heading into the forest. When we returned a couple of hours later they had all gone – we were lucky to have witnessed the beautiful event when we did.



Common Paradise Kingfisher by Markus Lilje

As incredible as the birding around the camp was, we were all quite pleased to return to the relative civilisation of Kiunga later that day. Before flying to Port Moresby the following day, we paid one more visit to the Boy's Town Road where we added Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot and Emperor Fairywren and improved our views of the Flame Bowerbird pair and Golden Monarch.



Back in the capital, we ventured along the often bumpy but never dull road past Brown River to the Hisiu River Mouth and Hisiu Lake. The road revealed a good mix of Australo-Papuan species, including a very brief Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Variable Goshawk, a stunning male Papuan Harrier that quartered back and forth across a small field right next to the road, Whistling Kite, Torresian Imperial Pigeon, Pheasant Coucal, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Blue-winged and Rufous-bellied Kookaburras, immaculate Forest Kingfisher, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Red-cheeked and Eclectus Parrots, White-shouldered Fairywren, Black-faced Cuckooshrike, Grey Shrikethrush, Torresian Crow, a male Raggiana BOP which flew level with the bus for a few metres, Golden-headed Cisticola, Singing Starling and Grey-headed Mannikin. At the river mouth and lake areas, we finally found Spotted Whistling Duck, along with its Wandering cousins, Green Pygmy Goose, Australasian Grebe, Little Egret, Australasian Darter, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Australasian Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Comb-crested Jacana, at least 20 Bar-shouldered Doves, Rufous-banded Honeyeater, Australian Reed Warbler, dozens of Olive-backed Sunbirds and Chestnut-breasted Mannikin, Pacific Reef Heron, Whimbrel and Gull-billed and Greater Crested Terns. We even added a mammal to our list – an Agile Wallaby that bounded away but then turned and watched us for a while so that everyone could get a nice look at his handsome face!



Spotted Whistling Duck by Markus Lilje

That technically brought an end to our tour of PNG but due to flight complications, our New Britain extension returned to the mainland a day early. I've included that day in this report as it seems to make more sense. With most of our options around Port Moresby already used up by this stage, we made an afternoon visit to the Lae Lae Mangroves area on the outskirts of the capital where we found an Eastern Osprey relentlessly mobbing a White-bellied Sea Eagle, enjoyed saturation looks at Blue-winged Kookaburra and a female Red-cheeked Parrot, listened to the liquid song of a Grey Shrikethrush and spied a Silver-eared Honeyeater among dozens of Rufous-banded Honeyeaters in a flowering tree overlooking the famous stilt village. We capped it off with

a short drive through the main city. It was startling to see such expensive and modern-looking buildings. After our lengthy time in smaller villages and forest-covered wildernesses, it was interesting to experience another facet of this diverse country.



Annotated List of species recorded

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (298 in total: 278 seen, 20 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2016. IOC World Bird List (v 6.2).

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Spotted Whistling Duck 23 Hisiu 10.8.	<i>Dendrocygna guttata</i>
Plumed Whistling Duck Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>
Wandering Whistling Duck Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>
Salvadori's Teal (VU) Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8.	<i>Salvadorina waigiensis</i>
Green Pygmy Goose Hisiu 10.8.	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>
Pacific Black Duck Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>

Megapodes Megapodiidae

Black-billed Brushturkey 1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8, 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8 and 1 heard Brown River 10.8.	<i>Talegalla fuscirostris</i>
Orange-footed Scrubfowl Brown River 10.8.	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>

Grebes Podicipedidae

Australasian Grebe Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae novaehollandiae</i>
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Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Australian White Ibis Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	<i>Threskiornis moluccus moluccus</i>
Straw-necked Ibis Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Nankeen Night Heron Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>
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Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Port Moresby 26.7.	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba modesta</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Fly River 7.8, Fly River 8.8 and Hisiu 10.8.	
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia plumifera</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	
Pied Heron	<i>Egretta picata</i>
3 Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta nigripes</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra sacra</i>
Hisiu 10.8.	

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos melanoleucos</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	

Anhingas *Anhingidae*

Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae papua</i>
Hisiu 10.8.	

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>
Port Moresby 14.8.	

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus hypoleucus</i>
2 Tari Gap 29.7.	
Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>
Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, 5 Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.	
Long-tailed Honey Buzzard	<i>Henicopernis longicauda</i>
Varirata NP 26.7, Dablin Creek Road 4.8, Km 17 6.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	
Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster</i>
Varirata NP 26.7, Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Brown River 10.8.	
Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>
3 Lai River 1.8.	
Grey-headed Goshawk	<i>Accipiter poliocephalus</i>
Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	
Papuan Harrier	<i>Circus spilothorax</i>
Tari Gap 29.7, Mount Hagen 2.8 and Brown River 10.8.	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans affinis</i>
Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7, Mt Giluwe Road 31.7, Lai River 1.8 and Kiunga 9.8.	



Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus*
4 Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Brown River 10.8.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*
Seen daily throughout the tour.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
Fly River 7.8, Fly River 8.8 and Hisiu 10.8.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae

Pale-vented Bush-hen *Amaurornis moluccana*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8 and Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8.

Spotless Crane *Porzana tabuensis*
Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7.

New Guinea Flightless Rail (NT) *Megacrex inepta*
Kwatu lodge 8.8.

Australasian Swamphen *Porphyrio melanotus*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.

Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa frontata*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae

Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles miles*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8.

Jacanas Jacanidae

Comb-crested Jacana *Irediparra gallinacea*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Hisiu 10.8.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus variegatus*
Hisiu 10.8.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8 and Hisiu 10.8.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica macrotarsa*
Hisiu 10.8.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii cristatus*
Hisiu 10.8.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia livia*
Port Moresby 14.8.

Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis*
Varirata NP 26.7, Kama Village 1.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.



Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>
Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7, Kumul lodge 30.7 and Mt Giluwe Road 31.7.	
Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardti griseotincta</i>
Varirata NP 26.7, observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7 and Boys' Town Road 6.8.	
Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris rogersi</i>
Varirata NP 26.7.	
Stephan's Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>
Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.	
New Guinea Bronzewing	<i>Henicophaps albifrons albifrons</i>
Boys' Town Road 6.8 and Elevala River 7.8.	
Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia placida papua</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Port Moresby 26.7 and Hisiu 10.8.	
Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis gregalis</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and 20 Hisiu 10.8.	
Pheasant Pigeon	<i>Otidiphaps nobilis</i>
Varirata NP 26.7.	
Southern Crowned Pigeon (VU)	<i>Goura scheepmakeri</i>
Elevala River 8.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	
Wompoo Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus poliurus</i>
Varirata NP 26.7, Km 17 5.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	
Pink-spotted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus</i>
1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.	
Ornate Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus ornatus gestroi</i>
1 heard Kumul lodge 31.7.	
Orange-fronted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>
4 Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Boys' Town Road 6.8.	
Superb Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus superbus</i>
1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 4.8, 1 heard Km 17 5.8 and Elevala River 7.8.	
Beautiful Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus pulchellus pulchellus</i>
Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and 1 heard Elevala River 8.8.	
White-bibbed Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>
Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7 and Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7.	
Orange-bellied Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>
1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.	
Dwarf Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus nainus</i>
Kwatu lodge 7.8 and 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8.	
Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rufigaster</i>
1 heard Km 17 6.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	
Pinon's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon</i>
Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8 and Elevala River 7.8.	
Collared Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula mullerii</i>
Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.	
Zoe's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>
Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River	



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Torresian Imperial Pigeon*Ducula spilorrhoea*

12 Brown River 10.8.

Papuan Mountain Pigeon*Gymnophaps albertisii albertisii*

Observed Tari Gap 27-29.7, Kumul lodge 31.7, 300 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8, Tabubil 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Ivory-billed Coucal***Centropus membeki membeki*

1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8 and 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8.

Black-billed Coucal*Centropus bernsteini*

1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8, Km 17 5.8 and Km 17 6.8.

Pheasant Coucal*Centropus phasianinus*

Sogeri Road War Memorial 26.7 and Brown River 10.8.

Pacific Koel*Eudynamys orientalis*

1 heard Km 17 5.8, 1 heard Km 17 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

Channel-billed Cuckoo*Scythrops novaehollandiae*

Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Rufous-throated Bronze Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx ruficollis*

Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7.

White-eared Bronze Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx meyerii*

1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.

Little Bronze Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx minutillus poecilurus*

Kwatu lodge 7.8, Kwatu lodge 8.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo*Cacomantis castaneiventris weiskei*

Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo*Cacomantis flabelliformis excitus*

Tari Gap 29.7, Mt Giluwe Road 31.7 and 1 heard Lai River 1.8.

Brush Cuckoo*Cacomantis variolosus*

1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, Kama Village 1.8, 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 3.8, 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and 1 heard Brown River 10.8.

Owls Strigidae**Rufous Owl***Ninox rufa*

Ambua Lodge 27.7.

Papuan Boobook*Ninox theomacha*

Up to 1 Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7, 1 heard Kumul lodge 31.7, Kumul lodge 1.8, 1 heard Tabubil 2.8 and Tabubil 5.8.

Frogmouths Podargidae**Marbled Frogmouth***Podargus ocellatus*

1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8 and 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8.

Papuan Frogmouth*Podargus papuensis papuensis*

3 Pacific Adventist University 25.7.



Owlet-Nightjars *Aegothelidae***Mountain Owlet-Nightjar**

1 heard Kumul lodge 30.7.

*Aegotheles albertisi salvadorii***Barred Owlet-Nightjar**

Varirata NP 26.7.

*Aegotheles bennettii***Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae*****Moustached Treeswift**

Up to 6 Tabubil 2-4.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8, Kwatu lodge 8.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

*Hemiprocne mystacea***Swifts *Apodidae*****Glossy Swiftlet**

Seen almost daily throughout the tour.

*Collocalia esculenta***Mountain Swiftlet**

Seen daily in the highlands.

*Aerodramus hirundinaceus hirundinaceus***Uniform Swiftlet**

Seen daily in the lowlands.

*Aerodramus vanikorensis***Papuan Spine-tailed Swift**

Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8, Elevela River 8.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

*Mearnsia novaeguineae***Rollers *Coraciidae*****Oriental Dollarbird**

Elevela River 7.8, Elevela River 8.8 and Brown River 10.8.

*Eurystomus orientalis***Kingfishers *Alcedinidae*****Hook-billed Kingfisher**

1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, 1 heard Km 17 6.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.

*Melidora macrorrhina***Common Paradise Kingfisher**

Kwatu lodge 7.8 and 1 heard Brown River 10.8.

*Tanysiptera galatea***Little Paradise Kingfisher (DD)**

Kwatu lodge 7.8.

*Tanysiptera hydrocharis***Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher**

Varirata NP 26.7.

*Tanysiptera danae***Blue-winged Kookaburra**

Varirata NP 26.7 and Brown River 10.8.

*Dacelo leachii intermedia***Rufous-bellied Kookaburra**

Varirata NP 26.7, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8, Elevela River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.

*Dacelo gaudichaud***Forest Kingfisher**

Varirata NP 26.7 and 5 Brown River 10.8.

*Todiramphus macleayii***Sacred Kingfisher**

Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8 and Elevela River 8.8.

Todiramphus sanctus sanctus

Yellow-billed Kingfisher *Syma torotoro*
 Varirata NP 26.7, 1 heard Boys' Town Road 6.8, 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8 and 1 heard Brown River 10.8.

Mountain Kingfisher *Syma megarhyncha*
 1 heard Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7 and 1 heard Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7.

Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx solitarius*
 Varirata NP 26.7.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Rainbow Bee-eater *Merops ornatus*
 Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Varirata NP 26.7, Lai River 1.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Blyth's Hornbill *Rhyticeros plicatus*
 Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Oriental Hobby *Falco severus papuanus*
 Tari Gap 28.7.

Brown Falcon *Falco berigora novaeguineae*
 Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7 and Mt Giluwe Road 31.7.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus ernesti*
 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8.

Cockatoos *Cacatuidae*

Palm Cockatoo *Probosciger aterrimus*
 Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita triton*
 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, 1 heard Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Pesquet's Parrot (VU) *Psitttrichas fulgidus*
 6 Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and 1 heard Elevala River 7.8.

Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot *Micropsitta keiensis viridipectus*
 Boys' Town Road 9.8.

Red-breasted Pygmy Parrot *Micropsitta bruijnii*
 Dablin Creek Road 4.8.

Papuan King Parrot *Alisterus chloropterus*
 Varirata NP 26.7.

Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus*
 Varirata NP 26.7, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Red-cheeked Parrot *Geoffroyus geoffroyi*
 Varirata NP 26.7, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.



Brehm's Tiger Parrot Up to 4 Kumul lodge 30-1.8.	<i>Psittacella brehmii</i>
Painted Tiger Parrot Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Psittacella picta</i>
Modest Tiger Parrot Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Psittacella modesta subcollaris</i>
Plum-faced Lorikeet Tari Gap 27.7, Tari Gap 28.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Oreopsittacus arfaki grandis</i>
Red-flanked Lorikeet Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Chamosyna placensis</i>
Papuan Lorikeet Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7, Tari Gap 28.7, Tari Gap 29.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Chamosyna papou</i>
Yellow-billed Lorikeet Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii major</i>
Black-capped Lory 1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8, Elevela River 8.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Lorius lory</i>
Yellowish-streaked Lory Km 17 5.8 and Km 17 6.8.	<i>Chalcopsitta scintillata</i>
Dusky Lory Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8 and Elevela River 7.8.	<i>Pseudeos fuscata</i>
Coconut Lorikeet Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Varirata NP 26.7, Lai River 1.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>
Orange-breasted Fig Parrot Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Dablin Creek Road 4.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8, Elevela River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Cyclopsitta gulelmitertii</i>
Double-eyed Fig Parrot Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>

Pittas Pittidae

Hooded Pitta 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8.	<i>Pitta sordida novaeguineae</i>
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Bowerbirds Ptilonorhynchidae

Ochre-breasted Catbird 1 heard Boys' Town Road 6.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Ailuroedus stonii</i>
Archbold's Bowerbird (NT) Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Archboldia papuensis sanfordi</i>
Flame Bowerbird 3 Boys' Town Road 6.8 and 2 Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Sericulus ardens</i>
Yellow-breasted Bowerbird Lai River 1.8.	<i>Chlamydera lauterbachii uniformis</i>
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird 10 Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Chlamydera cerviniventris</i>



Fairywrens *Maluridae*

- Emperor Fairywren** *Malurus cyanocephalus bonapartii*
Boys' Town Road 9.8.
- White-shouldered Fairywren** *Malurus alboscapulatus*
Sogeri Road War Memorial 26.7, Tari Gap 28.7, Tari Gap 29.7, Lai River 1.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Honeyeaters *Meliphagidae*

- Dusky Myzomela** *Myzomela obscura fumata*
Varirata NP 26.7.
- Red Myzomela** *Myzomela cruentata*
Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.
- Papuan Black Myzomela** *Myzomela nigrita*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.
- Mountain Myzomela** *Myzomela adolphinae*
Lai River 1.8.
- Red-collared Myzomela** *Myzomela rosenbergii*
Observed Tari Gap 27-29.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.
- Green-backed Honeyeater** *Glycichaera fallax fallax*
Dablin Creek Road 3.8.
- Rufous-backed Honeyeater** *Ptiloprora guisei*
Tari Gap 28.7 and Tari Gap 29.7.
- Grey-streaked Honeyeater** *Ptiloprora perstriata*
Tari Gap 28.7 and Kumul lodge 30.7-1.8.
- Plain Honeyeater** *Pycnopygius ixoides*
Boys' Town Road 6.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.
- Streak-headed Honeyeater** *Pycnopygius stictocephalus*
Varirata NP 26.7, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.
- Silver-eared Honeyeater** *Lichmera alboauricularis*
Port Moresby 14.8.
- Spotted Honeyeater** *Xanthotis polygrammus*
Dablin Creek Road 4.8.
- Tawny-breasted Honeyeater** *Xanthotis flaviventer*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 4.8, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8, Kwatu lodge 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.
- New Guinea Friarbird** *Philemon novaeguineae*
Seen daily in the lowlands.
- White-throated Honeyeater** *Melithreptus albogularis albogularis*
Varirata NP 26.7.
- Long-billed Honeyeater** *Melilestes megarhynchus*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Dablin Creek Road 4.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 6.8.
- Common Smoky Honeyeater** *Melipotes fumigatus*
Seen daily in the highlands.
- Rufous-banded Honeyeater** *Conopophila albogularis*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Brown River 10.8.



Black-throated Honeyeater Up to 1 Tari Gap 27-29.7.	<i>Caligavis subfrenata</i>
Yellow-browed Melidectes Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7.	<i>Melidectes rufocrissalis</i>
Belford's Melidectes Observed Tari Gap 27-29.7 and up to 1 Kumul lodge 30-2.8.	<i>Melidectes belfordi</i>
Ornate Melidectes Lai River 1.8.	<i>Melidectes torquatus</i>
Yellow-tinted Honeyeater Port Moresby 10.8.	<i>Ptilotula flavescens germana</i>
Mountain Honeyeater Lai River 1.8.	<i>Meliphaga orientalis</i>
Scrub Honeyeater Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Meliphaga albonotata</i>
Mimic Honeyeater Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Meliphaga analoga analoga</i>
Elegant Honeyeater Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8 and 1 heard Brown River 10.8.	<i>Meliphaga cinereifrons</i>
Puff-backed Honeyeater Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Meliphaga aruensis</i>

Thornbills and Allies Acanthizidae

Rusty Mouse-Warbler Varirata NP 26.7, 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 3.8, 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Crateroscelis murina</i>
Mountain Mouse-Warbler 1 heard Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7 and up to 1 Kumul lodge 30-1.8.	<i>Crateroscelis robusta</i>
Papuan Scrubwren Tari Gap 27.7 and Tari Gap 28.7.	<i>Sericornis papuensis</i>
Large Scrubwren Tari Gap 29.7, Kumul lodge 31.7 and Kumul lodge 1.8.	<i>Sericornis nouhuysi</i>
Brown-breasted Gerygone Tari Gap 27.7, Tari Gap 29.7 and Lai River 1.8.	<i>Gerygone ruficollis insperata</i>
Large-billed Gerygone Eleva River 7.8.	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>
Yellow-bellied Gerygone Varirata NP 26.7, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Gerygone chrysogaster chrysogaster</i>
Green-backed Gerygone Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Dablin Creek Road 4.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Gerygone chloronota cinereiceps</i>
Fairy Gerygone Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>



Satinbirds *Cnemophilidae*

- Loria's Satinbird** *Cnemophilus loriae*
Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7 and Tari Gap 29.7.
- Crested Satinbird** *Cnemophilus macgregorii*
1 heard Tari Gap 27.7, Kumul lodge 31.7 and Kumul lodge 1.8.

Berrypeckers and Longbills *Melanocharitidae*

- Obscure Berrypecker (DD)** *Melanocharis arfakiana*
Dablin Creek Road 3.8.
- Black Berrypecker** *Melanocharis nigra*
Varirata NP 26.7.
- Fan-tailed Berrypecker** *Melanocharis versteri*
Tari Gap 27.7, Tari Gap 28.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.
- Spotted Berrypecker** *Rhamphocharis crassirostris*
Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7 and Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7.
- Dwarf Longbill** *Oedistoma iliolophus*
1 heard Varirata NP 26.7.

Tit Berrypecker and Crested Berrypecker *Paramythiidae*

- Tit Berrypecker** *Oreocharis arfaki*
Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.
- Crested Berrypecker** *Paramythia montium*
Tari Gap 28.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-1.8.

Whipbirds and Wedgebills *Psophodidae*

- Blue Jewel-babbler** *Ptilorrhoa caerulescens*
Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8, 1 heard Kwatu lodge 8.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.
- Painted Quail-thrush** *Cinclosoma ajax*
1 heard Varirata NP 26.7.

Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies *Artamidae*

- White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorynchus leucopygialis*
Port Moresby 25.7, Port Moresby 26.7, Km 17 6.8 and Brown River 10.8.
- Great Woodswallow** *Artamus maximus*
Seen almost daily in the highlands.
- Lowland Peltops** *Peltops blainvillii*
Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 8.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.
- Mountain Peltops** *Peltops montanus*
Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7, Ambua Lodge, Tari 30.7, Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.
- Black Butcherbird** *Cracticus quoyi quoyi*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Dablin Creek Road 4.8 and 1 heard Km 17 5.8.
- Black-backed Butcherbird** *Cracticus mentalis mentalis*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7 and Varirata NP 26.7.
- Hooded Butcherbird** *Cracticus cassicus*
Varirata NP 26.7, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River



8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Mottled Whistler *Rhagologidae*

Mottled Berryhunter *Rhagologus leucostigma obscurus*
Mt Giluwe Road 31.7.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

Black-faced Cuckooshrike *Coracina novaehollandiae melanops*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Varirata NP 26.7 and Brown River 10.8.

Stout-billed Cuckooshrike *Coracina caeruleogrisea*
Varirata NP 26.7, Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.

Barred Cuckooshrike *Coracina lineata*
Varirata NP 26.7.

Boyer's Cuckooshrike *Coracina boyeri*
1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, Boys' Town Road 6.8 and Elevala River 8.8.

White-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina papuensis*
Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Varirata NP 26.7, Lai River 1.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Black-shouldered Cicadabird *Coracina incerta*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8.

Grey-headed Cuckooshrike *Coracina schisticeps*
Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Dablin Creek Road 4.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Kwatu lodge 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

Black Cicadabird *Coracina melas meeki*
Varirata NP 26.7 and 1 heard Km 17 5.8.

Black-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina montana*
Mt Giluwe Road 31.7.

Golden Cuckooshrike *Campochoera sloetii*
Dablin Creek Road 3.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.

Varied Triller *Lalage leucomela*
Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.

Sittellas *Neosittidae*

Papuan Sittella *Daphoenositta papuensis*
Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7.

Australo-Papuan Bellbirds *Oreoicidae*

Rufous-naped Whistler *Aleadryas rufinucha*
1 heard Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-1.8.

Whistlers and Allies *Pachycephalidae*

Brown-backed Whistler *Pachycephala modesta*
Tari Gap 29.7, Tari Gap 30.7, Kumul lodge 31.7 and Kumul lodge 1.8.

Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex*
Varirata NP 26.7.

Slater's Whistler *Pachycephala soror*
Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7 and Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7.



Regent Whistler	<i>Pachycephala schlegelii obscurior</i>
Tari Gap 28.7, Tari Gap 29.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-1.8.	
Black-headed Whistler	<i>Pachycephala monacha lugubris</i>
1 heard Tari Valley 29.7.	
White-bellied Pitohui	<i>Pseudorectes incertus</i>
Elevala River 7.8.	
Rusty Pitohui	<i>Pseudorectes ferrugineus</i>
Varirata NP 26.7.	
Grey Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica superciliosa</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Varirata NP 26.7 and Brown River 10.8.	

Shrikes *Laniidae*

Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach stresemanni</i>
Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7, Mt Giluwe Road 31.7 and Lai River 1.8.	

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

Australasian Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7.	
Southern Variable Pitohui	<i>Pitohui uropygialis</i>
1 heard Km 17 5.8 and Km 17 6.8.	
Hooded Pitohui	<i>Pitohui dichrous</i>
Varirata NP 26.7.	
Brown Oriole	<i>Oriolus szalayi</i>
Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>
Varirata NP 26.7, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.	

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>
Widespread; seen almost every day of tour.	
Black Thicket Fantail	<i>Rhipidura maculipectus</i>
1 heard Km 17 6.8 and 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8.	
White-bellied Thicket Fantail	<i>Rhipidura leucothorax</i>
1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	
Black Fantail	<i>Rhipidura atra atra</i>
Tari Gap 28.7, Tari Gap 29.7 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	
Chestnut-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hyperythra</i>
Varirata NP 26.7.	
Friendly Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albolimbata</i>
Observed Tari Gap 27-29.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-1.8.	



Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Black Monarch Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Symposiachrus axillaris fallax</i>
Spot-winged Monarch Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Symposiachrus guttula</i>
Black-winged Monarch Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Monarcha frater periophthalmicus</i>
Golden Monarch Elevala River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Carterornis chrysomela</i>
Friilled Monarch Varirata NP 26.7, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, 1 heard Km 17 6.8 and Kwatu lodge 7.8.	<i>Arses telescopthalmus</i>
Torrent-lark 5 Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7.	<i>Grallina bruijnii</i>
Shining Flycatcher Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae*

Grey Crow Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8.	<i>Corvus tristis</i>
Torresian Crow Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Port Moresby 26.7 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Corvus orru orru</i>

Melampittas *Melampittidae*

Lesser Melampitta Up to 1 Kumul lodge 30-1.8.	<i>Melampitta lugubris longicauda</i>
Greater Melampitta 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Megalampitta gigantea</i>

Ifrita *Ifritidae*

Blue-capped Ifrit Tari Gap 28.7 and observed Kumul lodge 31-2.8.	<i>Ifrita kowaldi kowaldi</i>
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Birds-of-paradise *Paradisaeidae*

Glossy-mantled Manucode 1 heard Varirata NP 26.7, 1 heard Km 17 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Manucodia ater</i>
Crinkle-collared Manucode 1 heard Varirata NP 26.7 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Manucodia chalybatus</i>
Trumpet Manucode 1 heard Km 17 5.8, 1 heard Boys' Town Road 6.8, 1 heard Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Phonygammus keraudrenii</i>
Short-tailed Paradigalla Ambua Lodge, Tari 27.7 and Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7.	<i>Paradigalla brevicauda</i>
Ribbon-tailed Astrapia (NT) Seen daily in the highlands at Tari Gap and Kumul Lodge.	<i>Astrapia mayeri</i>
Princess Stephanie's Astrapia Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7 and Mt Giluwe Road 31.7.	<i>Astrapia stephaniae</i>



Queen Carola's Parotia Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Parotia carolae</i>
Lawes's Parotia Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7.	<i>Parotia lawesii</i>
Superb Bird-of-paradise Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7.	<i>Lophorina superba</i>
Magnificent Riflebird 1 heard Boys' Town Road 6.8 and 1 heard Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Ptiloris magnificentus magnificentus</i>
Growling Riflebird Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Ptiloris intercedens</i>
Black Sicklebill Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7.	<i>Epimachus fastosus</i>
Brown Sicklebill Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-2.8.	<i>Epimachus meyeri</i>
Black-billed Sicklebill Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7.	<i>Drepanornis albertisi</i>
Magnificent Bird-of-paradise Lai River 1.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Diphylloides magnificentus hunsteini</i>
King Bird-of-paradise Km 17 5.8, 1 heard Km 17 6.8 and 1 heard Kwatu lodge 7.8.	<i>Cicinnurus regius regius</i>
Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise Elevala River 7.8 and 1 heard Elevala River 8.8.	<i>Seleucidis melanoleucus</i>
Greater Bird-of-paradise Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8, Km 17 5.8, Km 17 6.8, Elevala River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.	<i>Paradisaea apoda</i>
Raggiana Bird-of-paradise 10 Varirata NP 26.7, Km 17 5.8 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Paradisaea raggiana</i>
Lesser Bird-of-paradise Kama Village 1.8.	<i>Paradisaea minor</i>
Blue Bird-of-paradise (VU) Observed Ambua Lodge, Tari 27-29.7.	<i>Paradisaea rudolphi</i>

Australasian Robins *Petroicidae*

Ashy Robin 1 heard Mt Giluwe Road 31.7.	<i>Heteromyias albispectularis</i>
Black-sided Robin Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7.	<i>Poecilodryas hypoleuca hypoleuca</i>
White-winged Robin Tari Gap 28.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-1.8.	<i>Peneothello sigillata</i>
Slaty Robin Ambua Lodge, Tari 28.7, Ambua Lodge, Tari 29.7 and Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7.	<i>Peneothello cyanus subcyanea</i>
White-rumped Robin 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Peneothello bimaculata</i>
White-faced Robin Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Tregellasia leucops</i>
Torrent Flyrobin Lai River 1.8 and Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 2.8.	<i>Monachella muelleriana</i>



Canary Flyrobin Tari Gap 28.7, Tari Gap 29.7 and Kumul lodge 31.7.	<i>Microeca papuana</i>
Lemon-bellied Flyrobin Varirata NP 26.7.	<i>Microeca flavigaster</i>
Garnet Robin 1 heard Tari Gap 28.7.	<i>Eugerygone rubra saturator</i>
Papuan Scrub Robin 1 heard Varirata NP 26.7 and 1 heard Dablin Creek Road 3.8.	<i>Drymodes beccarii brevirostris</i>

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Pacific Swallow Seen on most days throughout the tour.	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
Tree Martin Brown River 10.8.	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>

Leaf-Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

Island Leaf Warbler Tari Valley 29.7.	<i>Phylloscopus maforensis</i>
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Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Clamorous Reed Warbler Hisiu 10.8.	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
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Grassbirds and Allies *Locustellidae*

Papuan Grassbird Observed Tari Gap 27-29.7, Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7 and Lai River 1.8.	<i>Megalurus macrurus</i>
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Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae*

Golden-headed Cisticola Brown River 10.8.	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>
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Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies *Zosteropidae*

Black-fronted White-eye Lai River 1.8, Dablin Creek Road 3.8 and Dablin Creek Road 4.8.	<i>Zosterops minor</i>
Capped White-eye Tari Valley 29.7.	<i>Zosterops fuscicapilla crookshanki</i>

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Metallic Starling Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Km 17 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>
Yellow-eyed Starling (NT) 20 Km 17 6.8.	<i>Aplonis mystacea</i>
Singing Starling Brown River 10.8.	<i>Aplonis cantoroides</i>
Yellow-faced Myna Pacific Adventist University 25.7, Varirata NP 26.7, Km 17 5.8, Km 17 6.8, Elevala River 7.8, Elevala	<i>Mino dumontii</i>



River 8.8, Boys' Town Road 9.8 and Brown River 10.8.

Golden Myna *Mino anais robertsonii*

Km 17 5.8 and Elevela River 7.8.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

Island Thrush *Turdus poliocephalus*

Tari Gap 28.7 and observed Kumul lodge 30-2.8.

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata*

Tari Gap 27.7, Tari Gap 29.7, Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7, Mt Giluwe Road 31.7, Lai River 1.8 and observed Tabubil 2-4.8.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae

Red-capped Flowerpecker *Dicaeum geelvinkianum*

Encountered often on tour, both in the highlands and lowlands.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Black Sunbird *Leptocoma sericea*

1 heard Mt Giluwe Road 31.7, Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8, Boys' Town Road 6.8, Elevela River 7.8 and Boys' Town Road 9.8.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

Hisiu 10.8.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus montanus*

Seen almost daily in urban environments in the lowlands.

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

Mountain Firetail *Oreostruthus fuliginosus*

Kumul lodge 31.7.

White-spotted Mannikin *Lonchura leucosticta*

Tabubil to Kiunga Road 5.8 and Boys' Town Road 6.8.

Great-billed Mannikin *Lonchura grandis*

Sogeri Road War Memorial 26.7.

Grey-headed Mannikin *Lonchura caniceps*

Sogeri Road War Memorial 26.7 and Hisiu 10.8.

Hooded Mannikin *Lonchura spectabilis*

Highlands Highway: Tari - Mt Hagen 30.7 and Lai River 1.8.

Chestnut-breasted Mannikin *Lonchura castaneothorax*

Hisiu 10.8.

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Australian Pipit *Anthus australis exiguus*

Mount Hagen 2.8.



Mammals (5 in total: 5 seen)

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Kangaroos, Wallabies *Macropodidae*

Agile Wallaby

Hisiu 10.8.

Macropus agilis

Grey Dorcopsis

Varirata NP 26.7.

Dorcopsis luctuosa

Trioks, Gliders *Petauridae*

Sugar Glider

Varirata NP 26.7.

Petaurus breviceps

True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat *Muridae*

Black-tailed Giant Rat

3 Kumul lodge 30.7.

Uromys anak

Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae*

Great Flying Fox

Elevala River 7.8 and Elevala River 8.8.

Pteropus neohibernicus

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