

# Wise Birding Holidays

Bird and mammal watching tours



## WEST PAPUA: Birding Adventure!

Sunday 11th - Monday 26th September 2022

### 7 Wise Birding Clients

**Leaders:** Chris Townend & Sujan Chatterjee

**Invaluable Local Guides:** William, Dante, Kholik, Zeth, Daniel, Absalom and Yopi.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP: 17 Birds-of-Paradise and more!

**Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise:** Perhaps unsurprisingly, this species was voted bird of the trip. A memory never to be forgotten as we saw the male in full display!

**Mountain Owlet-Nightjar:** Great sightings of two birds during the day.

**Western Crowned Pigeon:** Recorded at two sites. The best sighting on Waigeo Island where a bird perched in full view for a couple of minutes for everyone to enjoy.

**Red Bird-of-Paradise:** A fantastic display from numerous birds and an equally amazing noise as we were all captivated at a lek site on Waigeo Island.

**Western Parotia and Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise:** The Twelve-wired BoP was our first BoP of the tour, so will always be highly memorable as it appeared out from the forest gloom at sunrise. We enjoyed numerous Parotia sightings both from hides and whilst birding in the forest, but a dancing immature male was simply fantastic!



**A male Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise in full display, Waigeo Island**

## **Tour Summary**

This was Wise Birding's first tour to West Papua and everyone on the tour was very pleasantly surprised at just how pain free the tour was in terms of staying in basic accommodation, the food, the overall climate and the fitness and ability required. The leeches, mosquitos and other biting insects which can deter some people from visiting this wonderful part of the world were not a major problem, accommodation was surprisingly good in the more remote locations and the food was tasty too! Of course, the humidity was uncomfortable at times and the trek to the higher camp in the Arfak Mountains was steep in places, but we managed to escape most rainfall that can so often cause difficult muddy slippery conditions.

Most Birds-of-Paradise were seen very well thanks to the invaluable local guides who have created and developed numerous blinds/hides from which to view many of the Birds-of-Paradise as well as other species. Like much forest birding, it is still tough in places but the rewards are high! Birdwatching in West Papua is on many birders' dream wish lists and rightly so, as it has some of the best birding in Indonesia.

### **Our tour visited four key areas:**

The lowland swamp forests of **Nimbokrang and Malagufuk**, the lush mountain forests of **the Arfak Mountains** and the wonderful **island of Waigeo** and its remote offshore islands. Three of the above sites lie within the **"Bird's Head" Peninsula** or "Vogelkop" Peninsula. This is a large peninsula that makes up the northwest portion of the island of New Guinea and the main part of the province of West Papua. The fourth, Nimbokrang is further to the east of the region.

## **Nimbokrang**

After only a five and a half hour flight from Jakarta we landed in Jayapura excited to finally be in West Papua, the home of so many Birds of Paradise and the key reason for visiting. We travelled by road for a couple of hours making a few stops en route for our first views of some of the commoner species like Blue-tailed and Rainbow Bee-eaters, Olive-backed Sunbird, Sacred Kingfisher and our first New Guinea Friarbird. We then arrived at our very comfortable accommodation at Nimbokrang, our home for the next three nights. We were exceedingly well looked after as we all enjoyed bedrooms with fans, good shared bathroom facilities, a relaxing lounge area and numerous tasty meals provided at all times of day thanks to our fabulous hosts.

Highlights in this area of humid lowland forest were many, but perhaps one of the most memorable was our very first morning as we stood in the forest waiting for the sun to rise. Whilst we waited we listened to amazing bird sounds, so unfamiliar to us all, and then right on cue at first light a male Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise (BoP) appeared on its display perch right above us! As the light improved we could only marvel at this amazing bird as we counted all twelve wires protruding from its tail. Then a call from our local guide alerted us to a Pale-billed Sicklebill just behind us. It perched high for all to see and we had seen our first two BoPs of the trip in just a few minutes! However, it didn't stop there. Later we took a short walk and were soon watching a blaze of scarlet in the canopy and our third BoP of the morning as a male King BoP performed for us. Time for celebratory tea and biscuits in the forest for a simply incredible morning that was hard to beat!



Other highlights from our time in Nimbokrang included a visit to a local resident's garden to see a Papuan Frogmouth on the nest, seen with great ease in contrast to the dogged perseverance of our local guides to find us a Marbled Frogmouth that finally showed well in the spotlight at night in the forest. The sight of flocks of Blyth's Hornbills flying over, our first views of the prehistoric looking Channel-billed Cuckoo, numerous Fruit Doves including the scarce Dwarf Fruit Dove, a stunning Golden Monarch by the river, seeing one of the world's smallest parrots, the Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot and of course more BoPs! Another pre-dawn walk in the forest and we waited in silence at another blind and it wasn't long before we were treated to the sight and hugely impressive sound of a young male Magnificent Riflebird. Later that morning we enjoyed the amazing spectacle of yet another BoP as a number of Lesser Birds-of-Paradise bounced around the canopy like fried eggs!!

## **The Arfaks**

After a short flight from Jayapura we arrived in Manokwari where we met our team of local guides. We stocked up on food supplies and then headed excitedly into the mountains and experienced our first views of the truly amazing forest at dusk. We arrived at the village of Syoubri in darkness, home of our fabulous local bird guide Zeth Wonggor. The accommodation was very simple as expected, but all rooms had comfortable beds, electricity and clean western toilets. Our meals were very tasty and always full of locally grown vegetables. Our location could not be better as we were surrounded by pristine forest.

There were many, many highlights during our six night adventure in the Arfaks. For starters, the day views of both Mountain Owlet-nightjar and Feline Owlet-nightjar were highly memorable as were visiting the numerous hides set up by the local people to see the many BoPs. The Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise hides were one of the first we visited where we enjoyed good views and some even witnessed birds mating! The Western Parotia hide was equally impressive with very close views of adult males and females and even a young male dancing for some of the group! A female Black Sicklebill also visiting the hide was a bonus. The trek to the amazing high altitude forest and infamous German Camp was a standalone highlight and even the heavy rain even added to the experience! Once again, the accommodation here was surprisingly good and fine for just one night and we were catered for brilliantly. The birding here was frustrating at times, but with perseverance it was always rewarding. The amazing sight and resonating call of a male black Sicklebill in the forest was very memorable, as were Long-tailed Paradigallas in the atmospheric mist and a all too brief male Arfak Astrapia. Other highlights included Lesser Ground Robin and more challenging species like Lesser Melampitta and Papuan Treecreeper. On our final morning we enjoyed views of Arfak Catbird, Crescent-caped Lophorina and Black-billed Sicklebill from hides. We then slowly descended the mountains where more species followed with Mountain Peltops, Blyth's Hornbills and a luminous male Masked Bowerbird. All to a backdrop of pristine forest as far as the eye could see!

## **Malagufuk**

After a very welcome overnight stay in our Manokwari hotel with time for showers, washing clothes and a re-charge, we took another short flight to Sorong. The views from the plane of more untouched forest were quite heart warming.

In Sorong, we stocked up on supplies for our two night stay in Malagufuk and we even managed to find a cake shop! We then took the relatively short journey by good roads and after numerous twists and turns we finally arrived at the 4Km boardwalk, the gateway through the forest to Malagufuk Village. People from the village greeted us and quickly transported our luggage in wheelbarrows off down the boardwalk giving us time for birding just before the rain arrived. Yet again, the accommodation was a pleasant surprise, despite some drainage issues! The birding around Malagufuk was excellent, albeit rather precarious at times when on the boardwalk! The very slippery surface required a slow steady pace and we saw a great selection of birds from it during our stay. Species such as Spangled Drongo, Frilled Monarch, Emperor Fairywren, Eclectus Parrot and Papuan Babblers to name just a few!

One of the top highlights from our visit here was seeing our third species of Owlet-nightjar. We quietly walked a short distance off the boardwalk to the day roost site of a Wallace's Owlet-nightjar. It peered at us from its dead tree trunk and looked rather grumpy, but it was a real treat to see such a seldom seen species.

In the forest near our accommodation the birding was very tough, not helped by the humid conditions, but with perseverance we managed to see some great birds.

Perhaps the most memorable sightings were the clear views of King Birds-of-Paradise, a posing Wompoo Fruit Dove, Hook-billed Kingfisher (by day and night) and a Papuan Nightjar hawking for insects around our accommodation. Our final morning walk along the boardwalk allowed us another top bird for those that diverted from the boardwalk, as two Red-breasted Paradise Kingfishers perched very close to us. Simon also had good luck with two Western Crowned Pigeons from the boardwalk.

## **Waigeo**

Part of the Raja Ampat Islands, Waigeo is located off the northwest tip of the Bird's Head Peninsula and we travelled to the island by ferry from Sorong. The journey took around 2 hours and allowed us time to see a completely different range of birds since arriving in West Papua with many very welcome seabirds. Highlights during the crossing included Streaked and Wedge-tailed Shearwater, Brown and Red-footed Booby, Red-necked Phalarope, Bulwer's Petrel and Wilson's Storm Petrel. Once on *terra firma* we travelled a short distance by taxi to our beachside chalets and very comfortable accommodation which was home for the final three nights of the tour.

Once again, the highlights on Waigeo were many but as expected, the stand out highlight was seeing yet another new BoP, the Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise. It is often referred to as one of the best birds on the planet. We enjoyed fabulous views from a hide where no less than 7 birds were seen including a male in full display as nearby females looked on. However, for many, the Red Birds-of-Paradise were equally impressive, if not better! We watched and listened to the simply amazing display from these incredible birds at a lekking site in the forest - a truly unforgettable memory! Aside from BoPs, other exciting birds included wonderful views of Western Crowned Pigeon perched high in the canopy in full view, a posing Palm Cockatoo, Papuan and Hooded Pittas and near island endemics like the Waigeo Shrikethrush and the impressive Hooded Butcherbird. Seeing the huge nest of a Dusky Megapode was impressive and the views of this shy bird were great. A visit by boat to the remote island of Merpati allowed some very range restricted species to be seen including Island Whistler, Arafura Fantail and Violet-necked Lory.

Waigeo was also good for some easier birding with species such as Beach Kingfisher, Pacific Reef Egret, Hooded Butcherbird, Glossy-mantled Manucode and Eclectus Parrot easily seen around our accommodation. A nearby coastal lagoon revealed Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Grey-tailed Tattler and Pacific Golden Plover. Mammal highlights whilst visiting Waigeo included the spectacle of thousands of Geelvink Bay Flying Foxes at dusk and the endemic Waigeo Spotted Cuscus near our accommodation at night.

Our final morning was spent on the return ferry crossing to Sorong. New sightings included Sooty Tern, Pomarine Skua and Long-tailed Skua. The calm conditions also helped boost our mammal sightings with Pantropical Spotted Dolphin and Short-finned Pilot Whale. It was then time for our final internal flight back to Jakarta to connect with the international flight back to the UK and memories of an amazing tour!

**We recorded a total of 264 species of bird and 7 mammals on this tour.**

### DAILY ITINERARY & SOME HIGHLIGHTS

DAY	DATE	Itinerary / some highlights of the day
-	Sat 10 Sep	<b>Pre -Tour Boat trip Jakarta Bay.</b> An optional extra with some nice relaxed birding all from the boat. <b>Highlights:</b> Christmas Island Frigatebird, Javan Plover, Javan Coucal and Milky Stork. Full trip list here from tour participant Peter Alfrey's <a href="#">E-Bird List</a>
1	Sun 11 Sep	<b>Arrival into Jayapura and head to Nimbokrang.</b> Stops en route in grassland area and Lake Sentani. Late afternoon explore the nearby rice fields. <b>Highlights:</b> Munias, Brown Quail & first Friarbirds. <b>Overnight Nimbokrang (NK)</b>
2	Mon 12 Sep	<b>Jalan Korea Swamp Forest and Km 9 Look-out.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Twelve-wired BoP & Pale-billed Sicklebill, King BoP, Papuan Frogmouth on nest. Good selection of species from forest look-out including Channel-billed Cuckoos, Rufous-breasted Kookaburra and a great mix of Pigeons and Fruit Doves. <b>Overnight NK</b>
3	Tue 13 Sep	<b>NK forest birding (Km 8) and Jalan Korea Swamp forest road / river.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Magnificent Riflebird, Lesser BoPs, Golden Monarch, Blyth's Hornbills. Both Papuan Nightjar and Marbled Frogmouth at night. <b>Overnight NK</b>
4	Wed 14 Sep	<b>NK blinds early morning. Flight from Jayapura - Manokwari.</b> <b>Travel by road from Manokwari to Syoubri, Arfak Mountains.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Common Paradise Kingfisher and the first view of the Arfaks! Mostly a travel day and stocking up on supplies for the Arfak Mountains. <b>Overnight Syoubri Village, Arfak Mts</b>
5	Thur 15 Sep	<b>Syoubri Magnificent Bop hides. Forest trail from Syoubri to stream.</b> <b>Parotia hides and Hans Papua Lorikeet Canopy Tower.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Magnificent BoPs, female Crescent-caped Lophorina and female Black Sicklebill. <b>Overnight Syoubri Village, Arfak Mts</b>
6	Fri 16 Sep	<b>Syoubri Magnificent Bop hides. Parotia Hides, Arfak Mountain road birding and Black-billed Sicklebill hide.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Magnificent BoPs, male Crescent-caped Lophorina, female Black Sicklebill, Crinkle-collared Manucode and Mountain Owlet-Nightjar. <b>Overnight Syoubri Village, Arfak Mts</b>



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7	Sat 17 Sep	<b>Wait for rain to stop and then late morning trek to German Camp.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Long-tailed Paradigalla, Modest Tiger Parrot, Papuan Treecreeper, Tit Berrypecker, Mottled Berryhunter and Lesser Melampitta. <b>Overnight German Camp, Arfak Mts</b>
9	Sun 18 Sep	<b>German Camp birding and return trek to Syoubri Village.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Male Arfak Astrapia, male Black Sicklebill, Mountain Mouse-warbler, Garnet Robin, Fan-tailed Berrypecker and more! <b>Overnight Syoubri Village, Arfak Mts</b>
10	Mon 19 Sep	<b>Syoubri Magnificent Bop Hides. Mingre and Hans Papua Lorikeet Guesthouse. Syoubri Village Trail and Night Birding Syoubri</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Grey Thornbill, Vogelkop Whistler, male Crescent-caped Lophorina, Blue-faced Parrotfinch and a glimpse of Greater Sooty Owl! <b>Overnight Syoubri Village, Arfak Mts</b>
11	Tue 20 Sep	<b>Black-billed Sicklebill hide and Maybri road. Birding Arfak mountain rd from 1,650M - 650M. Travel by road to Manokwari. Rest and Wash!</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Arfak Catbird, Black-billed Sicklebill, Masked Bowerbird, Mountain Peltops and a hotel shower! <b>Overnight Manokwari Hotel</b>
12	Wed 21 Sep	<b>Morning flight from Manokwari to Sorong. Buy food supplies and travel by road to Malagufuk. Walk 4Km boardwalk to village.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Black Lory, Fritted Monarch, Papuan Spangled Drongo, Papuan Babbler, Black Cicadabird, Arafura Shrikethrush and more! <b>Overnight Malagufuk Village</b>
13	Thur 22 Sep	<b>Whole day exploring Malagufuk Forest on foot. Night boardwalk.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> King BoP, Wallace's Owlet-nightjar, Wompoo Fruit Dove and Yellow-billed Kingfisher. Plus Hook-billed Kingfisher and Fire Flies at night! <b>Overnight Malagufuk Village</b>
14	Fri 23 Sep	<b>Malagufuk Boardwalk in the morning. Travel to Sorong Ferry Port. Ferry crossing from Sorong - Waisai, Waigeo Island</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher, Wedge-tailed and Streaked Shearwaters, Red-footed Booby and more! <b>Overnight Waigeo Dive Resort Chalets</b>
15	Sat 24 Sep	<b>Wilson's BoP hide and birding the Logging Track Road / West Waigeo Birding Rd morning and evening.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Wilson's BoPs, Western Crowned Pigeon, Dusky Megapode, Brown-headed Crow, Glossy-mantled Manucode, Hooded & Papuan Pittas and Palm Cockatoo. <b>Overnight Waigeo Dive Resort Chalets</b>
16	Sun 25 Sep	<b>Red BoP lek and birding along Logging Track Road / West Waigeo Birding Rd. Afternoon boat trip to Merpati Island and Mios Kon Island</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Red BoP, Raja Ampat Pitohui, Grey-tailed Tattler, Violet-necked Lory, Island Whistler, Arafura Fantail, Flying Fox spectacle & Waigeo Spotted Cuscus. <b>Overnight Waigeo Dive Resort Chalets</b>
17	Mon 26 Sep	<b>Final birding at accommodation. Ferry crossing Waisai - Sorong.</b> <b>Highlights:</b> Sooty Tern, LT Skua, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin and Short-finned Pilot Whale. <b>Flight to Jakarta and connection back to UK.</b>

The photos that follow were taken during the tour by Chris Townend unless otherwise stated.





Lake Sentani



Arfak Mountains Forest



## NIMBOKRANG.....



Video of Twelve-wired BoP can be seen [HERE](#)







Video of Magnificent Riflebird can be seen [HERE](#)







Papuan Frogmouth



Marbled Frogmouth



Captive Northern Cassowary





Red-cheeked Parrot



Rufous-bellied Kookaburra



Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot

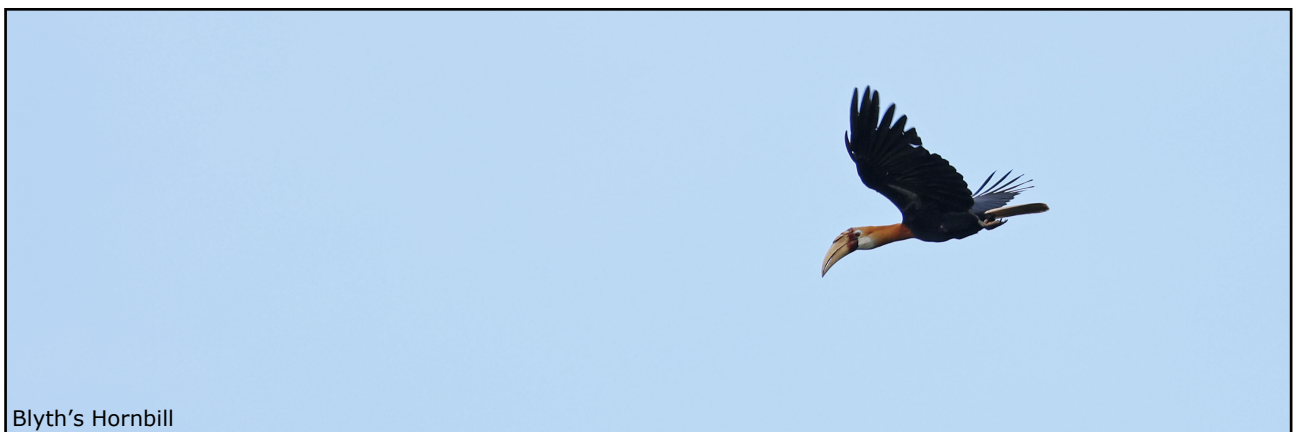




Long-tailed Honey Buzzard



Orange-bellied Fruit Dove



Blyth's Hornbill





Nimbokrang KM9 Look-out



Channel-billed Cuckoos



Pinon's Imperial Pigeons & Pink-spotted Fruit Dove











## THE ARFAK MOUNTAINS.....



Arfak Honeyeater



Arfak Catbird





Mountain-owlet Nightjar 1



Mountain Owlet-nightjar 2





Syoubri Village



The Arfak Mountains Forest



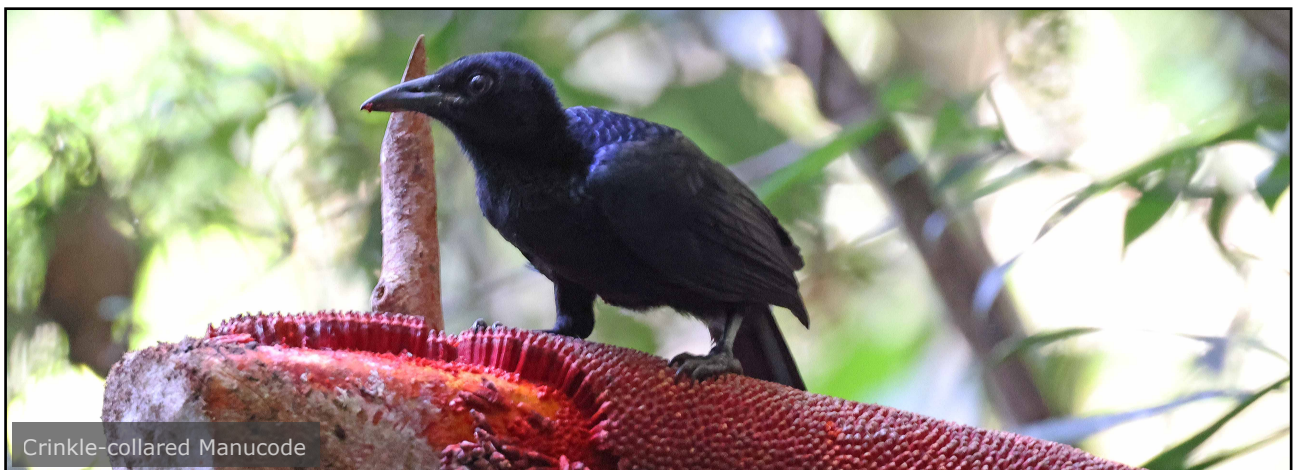


Feline Owlet-nightjar





Male Western Parotia



Crinkle-collared Manucode



Female Western Parotia





Video of Black Sickbill can be seen [HERE](#)







White-bibbed Fruit Dove



Black-breasted Boatbill



Spectacled Longbill





Sulphur-crested Cockatoo



Female Modest Tiger Parrot



Yellow-billed Lorikeet





Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise



"Bower" of the Vogelkop Bowerbird





Birding in the Arfak Mountains



Friendly Fantail



The Arfak Mountains





Mountain Peltops



Masked Bowerbird



Masked Bowerbird





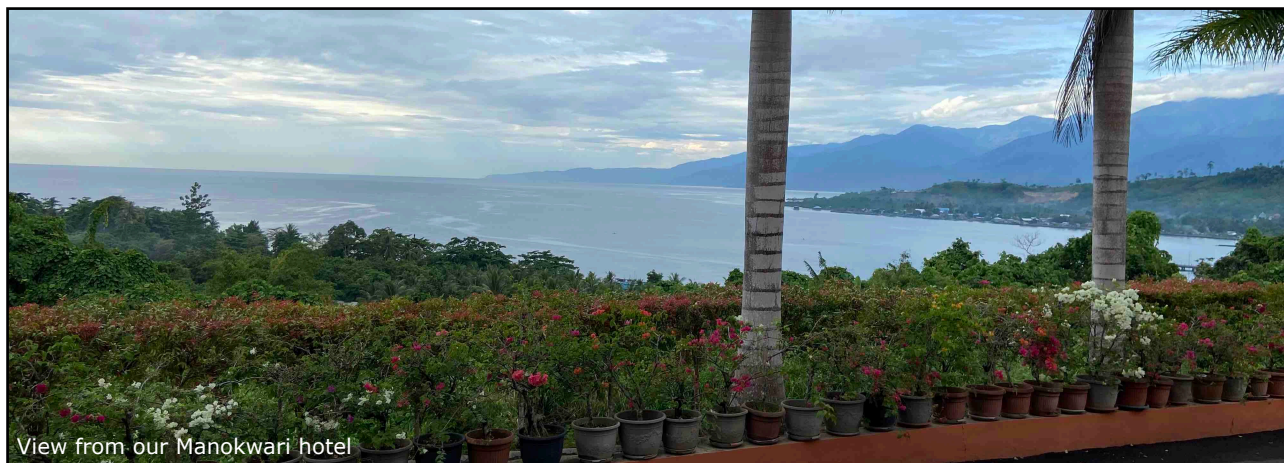
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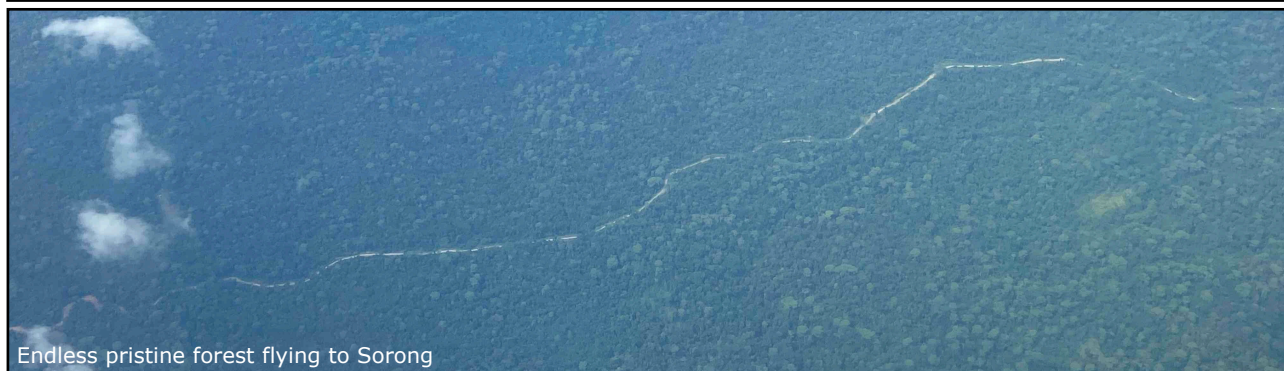
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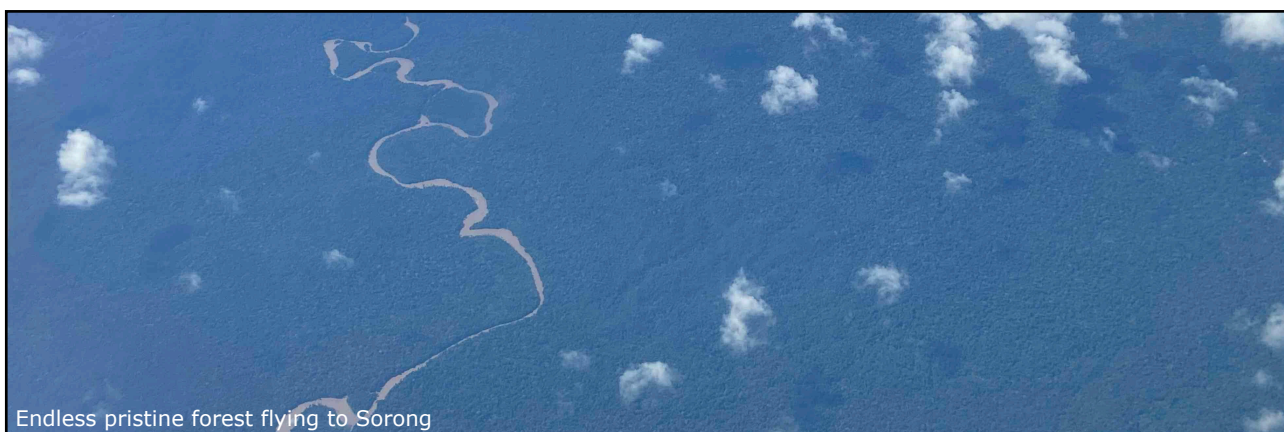
## MANOKWARI TO SORONG.....



View from our Manokwari hotel



Endless pristine forest flying to Sorong



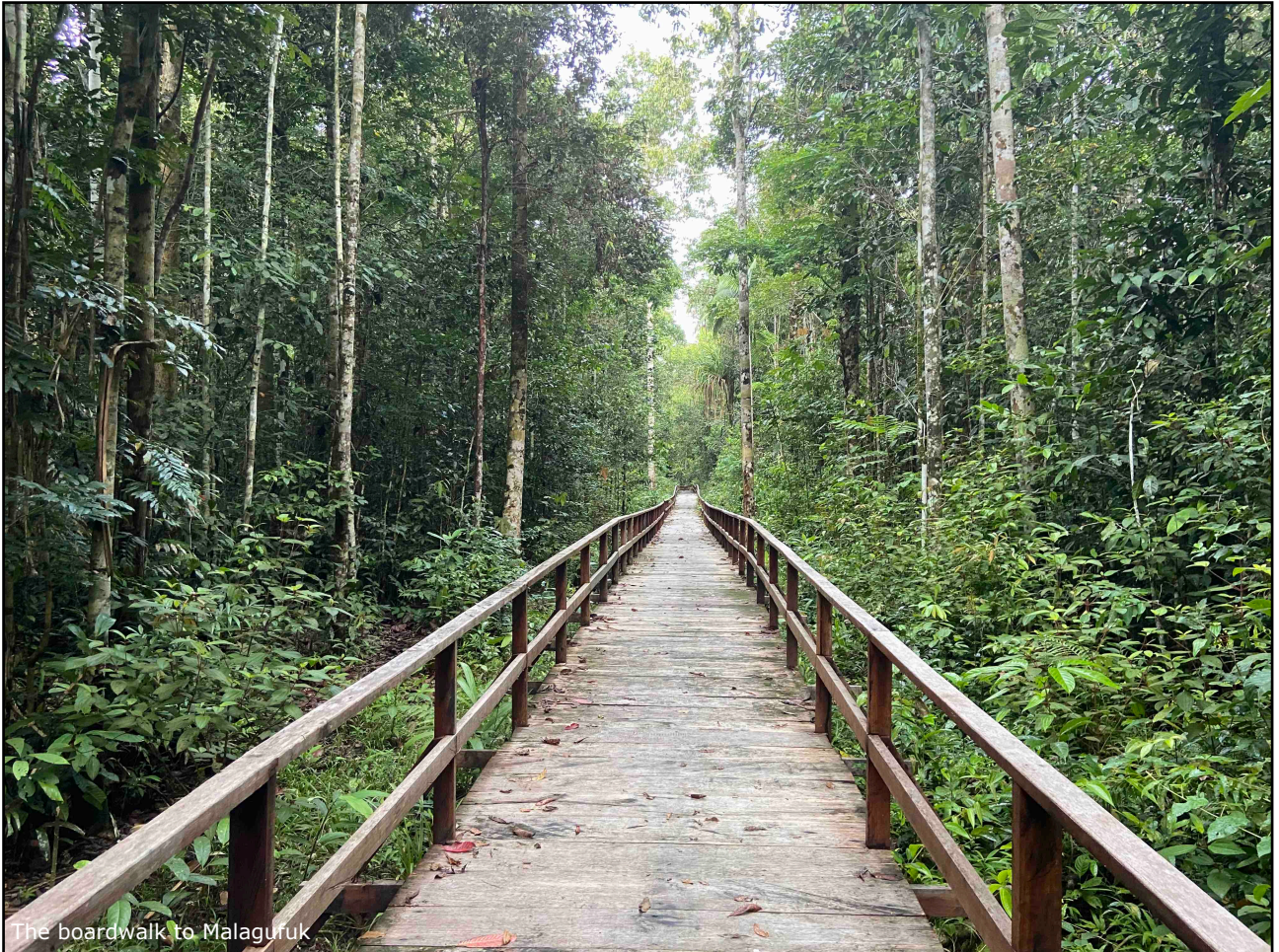
Endless pristine forest flying to Sorong



Sorong



## MALAGUFUK.....



The boardwalk to Malaguruk



Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher





King Bird-of-Paradise



King Bird-of-Paradise





Wompoo Fruit Dove



Wallace's Owlet-nightjar





Spangled Drongo



Male Frilled Monarch



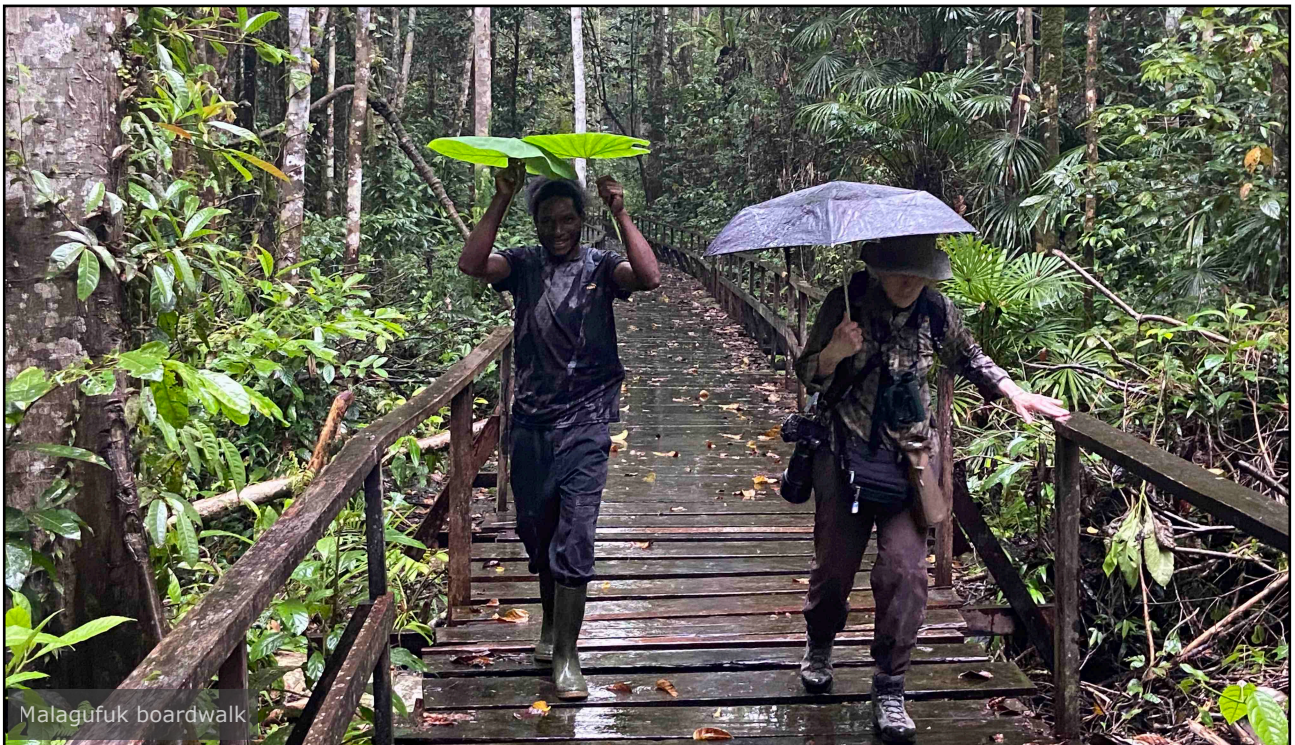


Coconut Lorikeet



Black Lories





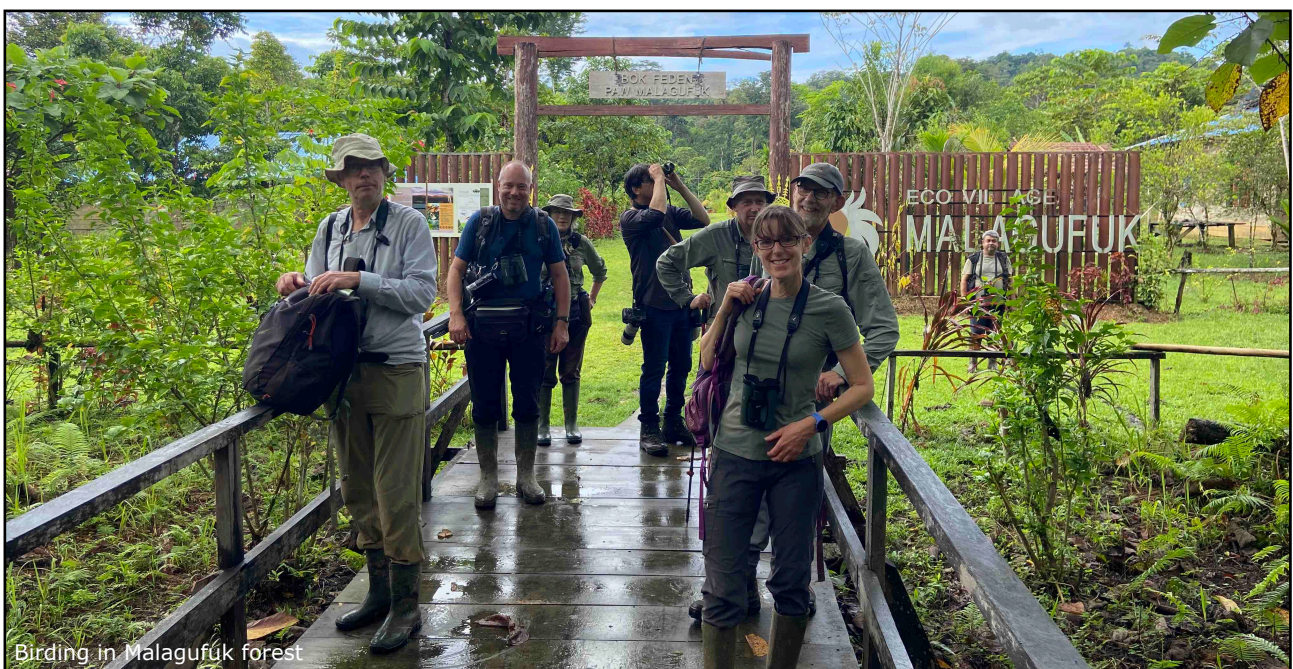




Daniel and Absalom



Our accommodation at Malagufuk by H Booker



Birding in Malagufuk forest



## SORONG TO WAISAI.....



Ferry crossing to Sorong



Red-necked Phalaropes



Wedge-tailed Shearwater

Red-footed Booby



Juvenile Sooty Tern



Juvenile Sooty Tern



Bulwer's Petrel



**RAJA AMPAT ISLANDS: WAIGEO & MERPATI.....**



Beach Kingfisher



Moustached Treeswift





Palm Cockatoo



Palm Cockatoo





Western Crowned Pigeon



Northern Fantail



Dusky Megapode





Pale-vented Bush-hen



Common Paradise Kingfisher



Channel-billed Cuckoos





Island Whistler



Olive Honeyeater





Pied Imperial Pigeon



Pied Imperial Pigeons & Spice Imperial Pigeon





Video of Red BoP can be seen [HERE](#)







Red Birds-of-Paradise



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Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise



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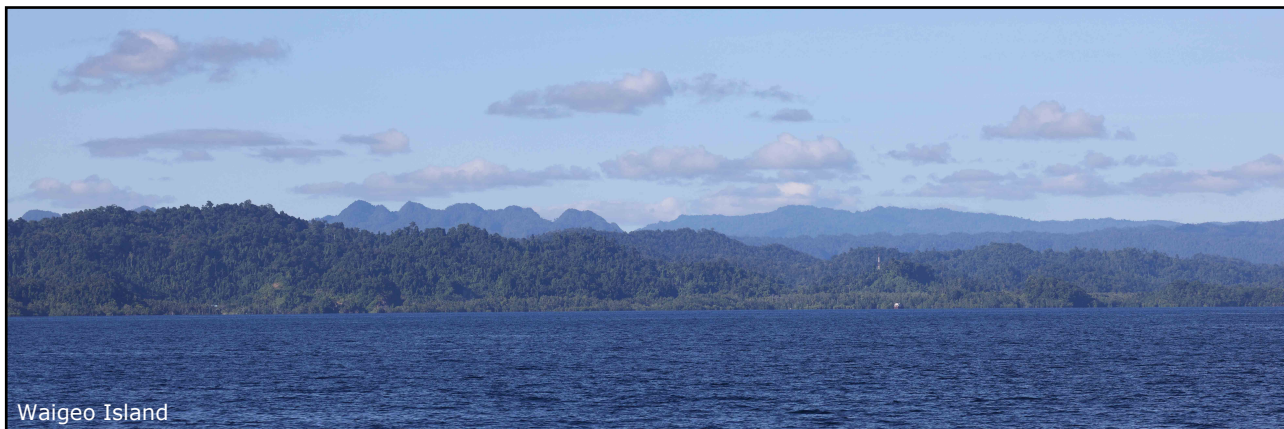


Wilson's Birds-of-Paradise





Waigeo Island



Waigeo Island

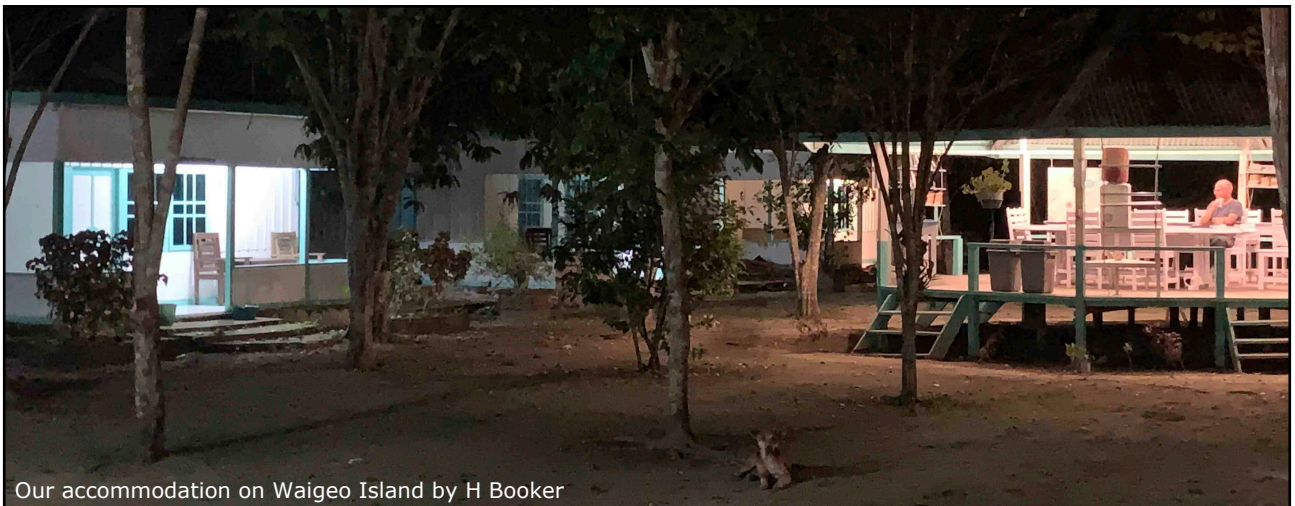


Merpati Island

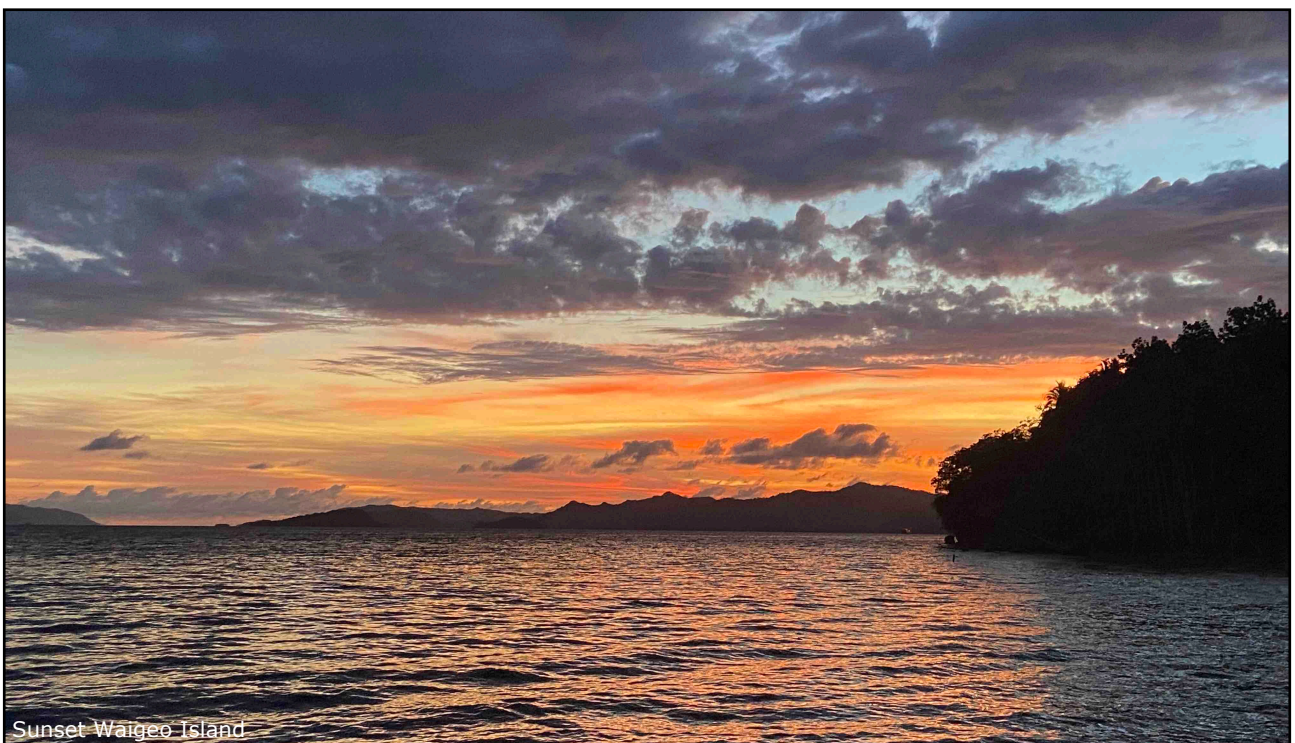




Our accommodation on Waigeo Island by H Booker



Our accommodation on Waigeo Island by H Booker



Sunset Waigeo Island





Watching Red Birds-of-Paradise



Team Raja Ampat Islands



**A SELECTION OF INSECTS & MAMMALS.....**



Blue Tiger



Silky Owl



New Guinea Birdwing by P Alfrey



Saturniidae Moth sp by P Alfrey



Eupholus Weevil sp





Waigeo Spotted Cuscus



Northern Common Cuscus





Torresian Striped Possum



Common Echymipera by P Alfrey



Pantropical Spotted Dolphin



Short-finned Pilot Whales





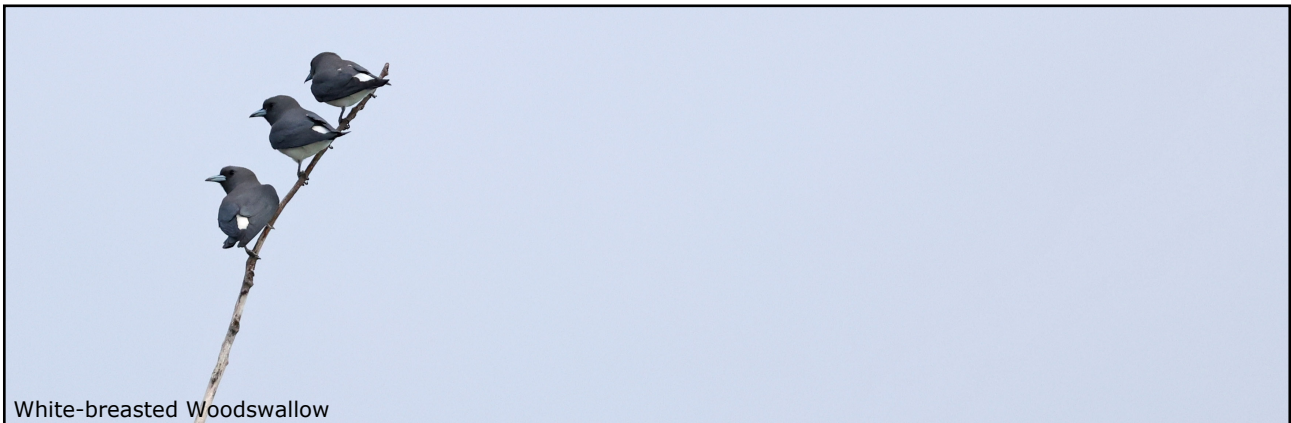
Male Emperor Fairywren

**Conservation Donation – Following this tour to West Papua, £250 was transferred to the Wise Birding Holiday's central conservation fund.**

In previous years Wise Birding Holidays has supported a number of small conservation projects. Now we believe that to try and make a bigger difference to conservation it seems best to pool the donations from most of our tours into one central fund.

Once a target amount has been reached this money will be used to support one single project in the hope of achieving more for species conservation. Currently this amounts to almost £10,000. On occasions, we will still donate some money to help some of the smaller projects that we feel will still benefit from such smaller donations.

Please visit [www.wisebirding.co.uk](http://www.wisebirding.co.uk) to find out more about the projects we support.



White-breasted Woodswallow

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The following bird checklist follows the nomenclature and classification from Gill F, D Donsker & P Rasmussen (Eds). 2022. **IOC World Bird List** (v13.1). <https://www.worldbirdnames.org/new/>  
The mammal checklist mostly follows the [IUCN framework](#) (Red List) but also the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) [www.gbif.org](http://www.gbif.org) and Handbook of The Mammals of the World.

The IOC World Bird List complements three other primary world bird lists that differ slightly in their primary goals and taxonomic philosophy, i.e. [The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World](#), [The Howard & Moore Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World](#), 4th Edition and [HBW Alive/Bird Life International](#).

**Total number of birds recorded: 264 species** (of which 17 heard only)

**NK** = Nimbokrang **AK** = Arfak Mts **MF** = Malagufuk **WG** = Waigeo **MP** = Merpati island

**Northern Cassowary**

*Casuarius unappendiculatus*

A bird “rescued” from the wild was sadly seen in captivity by our accommodation in Nimbokrang (**NK**) on three days.

**Collared (Red-legged) Brushturkey**

*Talegalla jobiensis*

Heard only on three days. Around **NK** on the 12th & 13th and Malagufuk (**MF**) on the 22nd.

**Dusky Megapode**

*Megapodius freycinet*

Great views of this forest skulker on Waigeo Island (**WG**) with 2 birds on the 24th and a single bird on the 25th on the West Waigeo birding road.

**Brown Quail**

*Synoicus ypsilophorus*

A single bird seen in flight on the 11th at **NK**.

**Papuan Nightjar**

*Eurostopodus papuensis*

Single birds seen in flight by torch light on the 13th at **NK** and the 22nd from our accommodation in **MF**.

**Large-tailed Nightjar**

*Caprimulgus macrurus*

Heard only on the 13th near **NK** at the Jalan Korea Swamp Forest.

**Marbled Frogmouth**

*Podargus ocellatus*

Perseverance paid off with great views of a single bird in torch light near **NK** at the Jalan Korea Swamp Forest.

**Papuan Frogmouth**

*Podargus papuensis*

A number of excellent sightings with birds recorded on five days at **NK**, the Arfak Mts (**AK**) and **WG**. The most memorable sighting at **NK** with a bird on the nest during the day.

**Feline Owlet-nightjar**

*Aegotheles insignis*

Fantastic day views of a bird on the 16th in the **AK** Mts Hans Papua Lorikeet Guesthouse.

**Wallace's Owlet-nightjar**

*Aegotheles wallacii*

A daytime sighting of this seldom seen species at **MF** on the 22nd.

**Mountain Owlet-nightjar**

*Aegotheles albertisi*

Two different birds on two days in the **AK** Mts both during the day on the 15th/16th.

**Moustached Treeswift**

*Hemiprocne mystacea*

A localised and highly impressive species recorded on seven days at **NK**, **MF** and **WG**.



**Glossy Swiftlet**

A relatively common species recorded on eight days.

**Mountain Swiftlet**

Recorded on the 20th in the **AK** Mts.

**Uniform Swiftlet**

A relatively common species recorded on eight days.

**Papuan Spine-tailed Swift**

Recorded on six days whilst at **NK** and **MF**.

**Ivory-billed (Greater Black) Coucal**

Heard only at **NK** on the 13th.

**Black-billed (Lesser Black) Coucal**

A single bird while travelling from Jayapura to **NK** by **Lake Sentani** on the 11th.

**Pacific Koel**

Heard on six days in the **AK** Mts and **MF**.

**Channel-billed Cuckoo**

This hugely impressive, almost prehistoric looking and noisy species was seen very well on three days with birds recorded at **NK** on the 12th/13th and **WG** on the 24th.

**White-eared Bronze Cuckoo**

Heard only on two days in the **AK** Mts on the 16th and **MF** on the 22nd.

**Little Bronze Cuckoo**

A single bird seen on the 13th at **NK** in Jalan Korea Swamp Forest.

**White-crowned Cuckoo (Koel)**

A single bird on the 11th whilst travelling from Jayapura to **NK**.

**Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo**

A single bird seen well in the **AK** Mts on the 18th.

**Brush Cuckoo**

Seen at **NK** on the 11th and heard on the 12th.

**Metallic Pigeon**

Seen well in the **AK** Mts on the 19th and 20th.

**Spotted Dove**

Seen on the 11th at **NK**.

**Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove**

Single birds at **NK** on the 13th and another in the **AK** Mts on the 19th.

**Bar-tailed (Black-billed) Cuckoo-Dove**

Recorded on five days with sightings at **NK** and the **AK** Mts.

**Great Cuckoo-Dove**

Seen well on the 15th in the **AK** Mts.

**Stephan's Emerald Dove**

Two birds on **WG** on the 25th along the West Waigeo birding road.

*Collocalia esculenta*

*Aerodramus hirundinaceus*

*Aerodramus vanikorensis*

*Mearnsia novaeguineae*

*Centropus menbeki*

*Centropus bernsteini*

*Eudynamis orientalis*

*Scythrops novaehollandiae*

*Chrysococcyx meyerii*

*Chrysococcyx minutillus*

*Cacomantis leucolophus*

*Cacomantis castaneiventris*

*Cacomantis variolosus*

*Columba vitiensis*

*Spilopelia chinensis*

*Macropygia doreya*

*Macropygia nigrirostris*

*Reinwardtoena reinwardti*

*Chalcophaps stephani*



**Western Crowned Pigeon*****Goura cristata***

Simon saw 2 birds at **MF** on the 23rd from the boardwalk. The whole group enjoyed great views of 2 perched birds on **WG** on 24th. A single bird also flushed from road on the 25th.

**Wompoo Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus magnificus***

Seen at **NK** on the 13th and great views at **MF** on the 22nd.

**Pink-spotted Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus perlatus***

Seen well at **NK** on the 12th at KM9 Look-out and Jalan Korea Swamp Forest on 13th.

**Ornate Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus ornatus***

Heard in the **AK** Mts on the 16th and then seen on the 20th.

**Coroneted Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus coronulatus***

Heard on the 12th at **NK** KM9 Look-out and seen by some at **MF** on the 21st.

**White-bibbed (Mountain) Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus rivoli***

Seen very well in the **AK** Mts on the 16th and 19th with 4 birds on the 19th.

**Claret-breasted Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus viridis***

Seen well on **WG** West Waigeo birding road with a single on 23rd and 2 birds on 24th.

**Orange-bellied Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus iozonus***

Seen very well on four days at **NK** and **MF** with counts of up to 4 birds.

**Dwarf Fruit Dove*****Ptilinopus nainus***

A single bird seen very well at **NK** at the Jalan Korea Swamp Forest on the 13th was notable for the site.

**Spice Imperial Pigeon*****Ducula myristicivora***

Up to 3 birds seen on a small islet off **WG** on our return boat trip from Merpati island (**MP**).

**Pinon's Imperial Pigeon*****Ducula pinon***

Recorded on seven days with sightings at **NK**, **MF** and **WG**.

**Zoe's Imperial Pigeon*****Ducula zoeae***

Good sightings at **NK** on two days and **WG** on one day.

**Pied Imperial Pigeon*****Ducula bicolor***

Up to 15 birds seen on a small islet off **WG** during our return boat trip from **MP** island.

**Papuan Mountain Pigeon*****Gymnophaps albertisii***

Seen well on six days during our time in the **AK** Mts.

**Pale-vented Bush-hen*****Amaurornis moluccana***

A single bird at night by torch light on **WG** on the 24th whilst looking for mammals.

**Pied Stilt*****Himantopus leucocephalus***

A single bird on **WG** on the 25th at Airport Bay.

**Pacific Golden Plover*****Pluvialis fulva***

A group of 20+ birds on **WG** on the 25th at Airport Bay.

**Eurasian Whimbrel*****Numenius phaeopus***

A single bird on **WG** on the 25th at Airport Bay.

**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper*****Calidris acuminata***

An adult and a juvenile on **WG** on the 25th at Airport Bay.



**Red-necked Phalarope*****Phalaropus lobatus***

At least 10 birds seen from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** on the 23rd.

**Common Sandpiper*****Actitis hypoleucos***

Counts of 1-2 birds on four days at random sites.

**Grey-tailed Tattler*****Tringa brevipes***

Two birds on the 25th. A single on **WG** at Airport Bay and another on a small islet off **WG** island where we watched the Spice Imperial Pigeons.

**Brown Noddy*****Anous stolidus***

Two birds seen from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** on the 23rd. A number of other Noddies were not seen well enough to identify to species and were simply recorded as "Brown/Black Noddy" on both outward & return ferry crossings.

**Black Noddy*****Angus minutus***

One bird identified from photos on the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** on the 23rd. A number of other Noddies were not seen well enough to identify to species and were simply recorded as "Brown/Black Noddy" on both outward & return ferry crossings.

**Greater Crested Tern*****Thalasseus bergii***

Counts of up to 10 birds from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** (outward / return) on 23rd / 26th.

**Sooty Tern*****Onychoprion fuscatus***

A juvenile seen well from the **Waisai - Sorong ferry** on the 26th.

**Common Tern*****Sterna hirundo***

Counts of up to 10 birds from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** (outward / return) on 23rd / 26th. Also recorded on the 14th whilst travelling and at Airport Bay on the 25th **WG**.

**Whiskered Tern*****Chlidonias hybrida***

Singles from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** on the 23rd and at Airport Bay **WG** on the 25th.

**Pomarine Skua*****Stercorarius pomarinus***

Up to 3 birds from the **Waisai - Sorong ferry** on the 26th.

**Long-tailed Skua*****Stercorarius longicaudus***

A juvenile seen well from the **Waisai - Sorong ferry** on the 26th.

**Wilson's Storm Petrel*****Oceanites oceanicus***

Three birds from the 23rd from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** and two on the return crossing.

**Streaked Shearwater*****Calonectris leucomelas***

Two birds on the 23rd from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** and a single on the 26th return.

**Wedge-tailed Shearwater*****Ardenna pacifica***

Up to 7 birds on 23rd during the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** and 2 birds on the 26th return.

**Bulwer's Petrel*****Bulweria bulwerii***

Counts of 6+ on the outward **Sorong - Waisai ferry** and up to 15 on the 26th return.

**Great Frigatebird*****Fregata minor***

A juvenile on the 25th during our boat trip to **MP** island.

**Lesser Frigatebird*****Fregata ariel***

Counts of up to 20 birds during and on our boat trip to **MP** island on the 25th.



**Red-footed Booby*****Sula sula***

Counts of up to 10+ birds including some adults from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** (outward / return) on 23rd / 26th.

**Brown Booby*****Sula leucogaster***

Counts of 1-3 birds including some adults from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** (outward / return) on 23rd / 26th.

**Little Black Cormorant*****Phalacrocorax sulcirostris***

A single bird seen near **Lake Sentani** travelling from Jayapura to NK on the 11th.

**Nankeen Night Heron*****Nycticorax caledonicus***

A single bird at dusk at **NK** at the Jalan Korea Swamp Forest on the 13th.

**Striated Heron*****Butorides striata***

Single birds recorded on three days whilst on **WG**.

**Great Egret*****Ardea alba***

Recorded on the 11th near **Lake Sentani** and on the 23rd on **WG**.

**Little Egret*****Egretta garzetta***

Recorded on the 11th near **Lake Sentani**.

**Pacific Reef Heron*****Egretta sacra***

Single birds seen very well near our accommodation on **WG** on the 24th and 25th.

**Osprey*****Pandion haliaetus***

A single bird on the 25th on **WG** at Airport Bay.

**Long-tailed Honey Buzzard*****Henicopernis longicauda***

This common but impressive raptor was seen well on at least five days with sightings from **NK** and the **AK Mts**.

**Papuan Eagle (New Guinea)*****Harpyopsis novaeguineae***

Heard only whilst in the **AK Mts** early morning on the 18th.

**Variable Goshawk*****Accipiter hiogaster***

A single bird seen briefly on the 11th and very well on the 13th, both at **NK**.

**Black-mantled Goshawk*****Accipiter melanochlamys***

An immature bird on the 17th and adult on the 18th both in the **AK Mts**.

**Grey-headed Goshawk*****Accipiter poliocephalus***

A single bird seen by some on the 11th en route to **NK**.

**Brahminy Kite*****Haliastur indus***

Singles on the 11th while travelling to **NK** and again on the 12th and 23rd.

**White-bellied Sea Eagle*****Haliaeetus leucogaster***

A single near **Sentani Lake** on 11th and another over Man Svar Island during our boat trip to **MP** island on the 25th.

**Greater Sooty Owl*****Tyto tenebricosa***

Heard on the 16th and 18th and frustratingly glimpsed on the 19th all in the **AK Mts**.

**Papuan Boobook*****Ninox theomacha***

Heard only in the **AK Mts** on the nights of 17th/18th and later at **MF** on the 22nd.



**Blyth's Hornbill*****Rhyticeros plicatus***

Fantastic to enjoy so many sightings with birds recorded on nine days at **NK, AK, MF and WG**. Typical counts of 1- 6, though 22+ birds at **NK** including 13 in one flock on the 13th.

**Oriental Dollarbird*****Eurystomus orientalis***

Counts of 1-3 birds over six days with sightings at **NK and MF**.

**Hook-billed Kingfisher*****Melidora macrorrhina***

Heard calling at **NK** on the 12th/13th and then seen at **MF** on the 22nd with single birds during the day and by torch at night.

**Common Paradise Kingfisher*****Tanysiptera galatea***

Seen well at **NK** from a blind on the 14th and seen again on **WG** on the 25th.

**Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher*****Tanysiptera nympha***

Heard on 21st/22nd at **MF** and finally seen on 23rd where adult and juv. were seen well.

**Shovel-billed Kookaburra*****Clytoceyx rex***

Heard only at **NK** on the 13th.

**Rufous-bellied Kookaburra*****Dacelo gaudichaud***

Seen well on three days at **NK, MF and WG** and heard on at least two others.

**Collared Kingfisher*****Todiramphus chloris***

A single bird at **WG** on the 25th at Airport Bay.

**Beach Kingfisher*****Todiramphus saurophagus***

Seen very well at our accommodation on **WG** on the 24th and on the 25th at Airport Bay.

**Sacred Kingfisher*****Todiramphus sanctus***

Recorded at **NK, MF and WG**. High count of up to 5 birds on the 11th.

**Yellow-billed Kingfisher*****Syma torotoro***

Heard calling at **NK** and **WG** and finally seen very well at **MF** on the 22nd.

**Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher*****Ceyx solitarius***

Heard only as it zipped through the forest at **NK** on the 13th and **MF** on the 22nd.

**Azure Kingfisher*****Ceyx azureus***

A single bird seen by some at **NK** on the 13th.

**Blue-tailed Bee-Eater*****Merops philippinus***

A couple of birds during a random stop en route from Jayapura to **NK** on the 11th.

**Rainbow Bee-eater*****Merops ornatus***

Seen well on the 11th en route to **NK** and later at **NK** too.

**Peregrine Falcon*****Falco peregrinus***

A single bird in the **AK** Mts on the 15th visible from our accommodation.

**Palm Cockatoo*****Probosciger aterrimus***

Recorded at **AK** (1 on 16th), **MF** ( 1 & 2 on 21st/22nd) and **WG** ( 2 & 1 on 24th/25th).

The most memorable sighting was on **WG** on the West Wageo birding road on the 24th.

**Sulphur-crested Cockatoo*****Cacatua galerita***

Great to see and hear this species regularly with birds recorded at **NK, AK, MF and WG**.

Counts of 2 - 6 birds with at least 6 birds recorded at **NK** and the **AK** Mts.



**Pesquet's Parrot*****Psittrichas fulgidus***

Frustratingly heard calling on the 16th in the **AK** Mts but seen in flight by others!

**Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot*****Micropsitta pusio***

Great views of 2 birds at **NK** on the 12th.

**Red-breasted Pygmy Parrot*****Micropsitta bruijnii***

Recorded in the **AK** Mts only. After poor views on the 16th and just heard on the 19th, a bird was finally seen on the 20th.

**Moluccan King Parrot*****Alisterus amboinensis***

Recorded on three days in **AK** Mts with up to 5 birds on the 16th. Also at **MF** on the 22nd.

**Eclectus Parrot*****Eclectus roratus***

Recorded on a total of seven days at **NK, MF and WG**. High count of 6 birds at **MF**.

**Red-cheeked Parrot*****Geoffroyus geoffroyi***

At **NK** on the 12th and 13th including a bird on the nest. Also on **WG** on at least one day.

**Great-billed Parrot*****Tanygnathus megalorynchos***

Heard only at **MF** from the boardwalk on the 21st.

**Brehm's Tiger Parrot*****Psittacella brehmii***

Two birds in the **AK** Mts on the 18th showed very well.

**Modest Tiger Parrot*****Psittacella modesta***

Seen on the 17th (2 birds) and 18th (1 bird) whilst in the **AK** Mts.

**Plum-faced Lorikeet*****Oreopsittacus arfaki***

Recorded only in the **AK** Mts with 9 birds on the 15th and heard on two other days.

**Red-fronted Lorikeet*****Hypocharmosyna rubronotata***

A single bird seen in the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

**Josephine's Lorikeet*****Charmosyna josefinae***

A total of 3 birds seen well in the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

**Papuan Lorikeet*****Charmosyna papou***

Four birds on the 16th and others heard on the 17th. Both records from the **AK** Mts.

**Yellow-billed Lorikeet*****Neopsittacus musschenbroekii***

Seen and heard during three days in the **AK** Mts with up to 25+ birds on the 17th.

**Black-capped Lory*****Lorius lory***

Recorded at **NK** on two days and **MF** on two days. Counts of 8+ on the 22nd at **MF**.

**Brown Lory*****Chalcopsitta duivenbodei***

Counts of up to 3 birds recorded on the 11th and 12th near **NK**.

**Black Lory*****Chalcopsitta atra***

Seen very well at **MF** on three days with counts of between 4 - 12 birds.

**Violet-necked Lory*****Eos squamata***

Great views of this striking Lory on **MP** island with up to 6 birds seen.

**Coconut Lorikeet*****Trichoglossus haematodus***

A relatively common species with birds recorded at **NK, MF and WG** over seven days.



**Large Fig Parrot*****Psittaculirostris desmarestii***

A single bird seen briefly on the 21st from the boardwalk at **MF**.

**Papuan Pitta*****Erythropitta macklotii***

Heard on two days at **NK** and seen by Sue at **MF**. Finally seen by all on **WG** where 2 birds showed on the 24th.

**Hooded Pitta*****Pitta sordida***

Heard at **MF** on the 21st and on **WG** on the 23rd and finally seen on **WG** on the 24th where 2 birds were present.

**White-eared Catbird*****Ailuroedus buccoides***

Two birds seen on the 23rd at **MF**.

**Arfak Catbird*****Ailuroedus arfakianus***

Just heard on three days in the **AK** Mts and then finally seen very well on the 20th.

**Vogelkop Bowerbird*****Amblyornis inornata***

Recorded on five days in the **AK** Mts. Mostly heard but at least 5 birds seen on the 19th as they actively moved through the forest.

**Masked Bowerbird*****Sericulus aureus***

A simply resplendent male posed for everyone in the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

**Fawn-breasted Bowerbird*****Chlamydera cerviniventris***

A number of birds seem on the 11th around **NK**.

**Papuan Treecreeper*****Cormobates placens***

Two birds seen well in the **AK** Mts on the 17th near the German Camp.

**Emperor Fairywren*****Malurus cyanocephalus***

A pair of birds seen very well from the boardwalk at **MF** on the 23rd.

**White-shouldered Fairywren*****Malurus alboscapulatus***

Single birds recorded in the **AK** Mts on at three days.

**Rufous-sided Honeyeater*****Ptiloprora erythropleura***

Seen well in the **AK** Mts on three days with 1-2 birds recorded each day.

**Long-billed Honeyeater*****Melilestes megarhynchus***

Recorded on five days at **NK**, **AK** Mts and **MF**.

**Arfak Honeyeater*****Melipotes gymnops***

Excellent views of numerous birds in the **AK** Mts over four days.

**Plain Honeyeater*****Pycnopygius ixoides***

A single bird seen at **NK** on the 12th and a bird heard calling the following day at **NK**.

**Marbled Honeyeater*****Pycnopygius cinereus***

Heard only in the **AK** Mts on the 17th.

**Streak-headed Honeyeater*****Pycnopygius stictocephalus***

Recorded on two days at **NK** with up to 4 birds seen on the 12th.

**Ruby-throated Myzomela*****Myzomela eques***

Two birds seen well at **NK** on the 13th.



**Red Myzomela**

Seen on the 20th as we descended the **AK** Mts.

**Mountain (Elphin) Myzomela**

Seen in the **AK** Mts on the 15th and 16th.

**Red-collared Myzomela**

Seen in the **AK** Mts over three days.

**Meyer's Friarbird**

A single bird seen well at **NK** on the 13th.

**New Guinea Friarbird**

We recorded birds on eight days at **NK, MF and WG** with numerous good sightings and often heard. The taxonomy of Helmeted Friarbird group is complex and could change.

**Tawny-breasted Honeyeater**

Seen at **MF** on two days.

**Olive Honeyeater**

A minimum of 6 birds seen on **MP** island on the 25th.

**Mountain Honeyeater**

Seen on two days in the **AK** Mts.

**Mimic Honeyeater**

Recorded on at least four days at **MF and WG** and seen well.

**Varied Honeyeater**

Up to 4 birds seen on **MP** island on the 25th.

**Cinnamon-browed Melidectes**

Heard calling on the 17th and seen well on the 18th in the **AK** Mts.

**Vogelkop Melidectes**

Seen only in the **AK** Mts on four days with counts of up to 2 birds.

**Ornate Melidectes**

Recorded only in the **AK** Mts on two days with a bird seen well on the 16th.

**Goldenface**

This unmistakable species was seen in the **AK** Mts on four days.

**Rusty Mouse-warbler**

Recorded on three days in the **AK** Mts and at **MF** on one day.

**Mountain Mouse-warbler**

Seen in the **AK** Mts on at least two days with the best views around the German Camp.

**Vogelkop Scrubwren**

Recorded on five days in the **AK** Mts.

**Grey-green Scrubwren**

Recorded on three days in the **AK** Mts.

**Large Scrubwren**

A single bird seen well in the **AK** Mts on the 17th.

***Myzomela cruentata******Myzomela adolphinae******Myzomela rosenbergii******Philemon meyeri******Philemon novaeguineae******Xanthotis flaviventer******Lichmera argentea******Microptilotis orientalis******Microptilotis analogus******Gavicalis versicolor******Melidectes ochromelas******Melidectes leucostephes******Melidectes torquatus******Pachycare flavogriseum******Origma murina******Origma robusta******Aethomyias rufescens******Aethomyias arfakianus******Sericornis nouhuysii***



**Brown-breasted Gerygone**

Recorded on four days in the **AK** Mts.

*Gerygone ruficollis*

**Yellow-bellied Gerygone**

Seen well at **MF** from the boardwalk on two days.

*Gerygone chrysogaster*

**Green-backed Gerygone**

A single bird at **NK** on the 13th with other birds probably overlooked.

*Gerygone chloronota*

**Fairy Gerygone**

A pair of birds showed well on **WG** along the West WG birding road.

*Gerygone palpebrosa*

**Grey Thornbill**

At least 3 birds were seen well in the **AK** Mts whilst birding the road on the 19th.

*Acanthiza cinerea*

**Papuan Babbler**

At least 3 birds were seen from the boardwalk at **MF** on the 21st.

*Garritornis isidorei*

**Papuan Logrunner**

Heard only in the **AK** Mts on the 19th.

*Orthonyx novaeguineae*

**Mid-mountain Berrypecker**

Good views of a number of birds over five days in the **AK** Mts.

*Melanocharis longicauda*

**Fan-tailed Berrypecker**

A single bird in the **AK** Mts on the 19th.

*Melanocharis versteri*

**Spectacled Longbill**

First seen at **NK** and then in the **AK** Mts on two days when seen at the nest on the 19th.

*Oedistoma iliolophus*

**Yellow-bellied Longbill**

Seen at **NK** on one day by some of the group.

*Taxorhamphus novaeguineae*

**Tit Berrypecker**

Seen on two days high in the canopy in the **AK** Mts with up to 5 birds seen.

*Oreocharis arfaki*

**Yellow-breasted Boatbill**

A single bird seen at **MF** on the 21st.

*Machaerirhynchus flaviventer*

**Black-breasted Boatbill**

Recorded on four days in the **AK** Mts and seen very well.

*Machaerirhynchus nigripectus*

**White-breasted Woodswallow**

A single bird at **NK** on the 13th and then counts of 1- 4 birds whilst on **WG** over three days and including Mios Kon Island on our return from **MP** island.

*Artamus leucorhynchus*

**Mountain Peltops**

Two birds showed very well as we descended the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

*Peltops montanus*

**Hooded Butcherbird**

Heard at **MF** and then seen on **WG** on the 24th and 26th.

*Cracticus cassicus*

**Mottled Berryhunter**

A single bird in the **AK** Mts on the 17th.

*Rhagologus leucostigma*

**Boyer's Cuckooshrike**

Two birds seen in the **AK** Mts on the 20th and another 2 birds at **MF** on the 23rd.

*Coracina boyeri*



**Golden Cuckooshrike*****Campochaera sloetii***

A single bird was seen well at **NK** along the Jalan Korea Swamp road on the 13th.

**Common (Slender-billed) Cicadabird*****Edolisoma tenuirostre***

A pair of birds seen around **NK** on the 11th.

**Black Cicadabird*****Edolisoma melas***

Seen over two days at **NK & MF** where both male & female were recorded at each site.

**Black-browed Triller*****Lalage atrovirens***

A minimum of 4 birds were seen at **NK** on the 12th from KM9 Look-out.

**Rufous-naped Bellbird*****Aleadryas rufinucha***

Recorded on five days in the **AK** Mts where birds were seen well on occasions.

**Black Pitohui (Shrikethrush)*****Melanorectes nigrescens***

Recorded on three days in the **AK** Mts with a bird seen reasonably well on the 18th.

**Island Whistler*****Pachycephala phaionota***

A minimum of 4 birds seen well on **MP** island including a bird carrying nest material.

**Vogelkop Whistler*****Pachycephala meyeri***

Up to 3 birds seen well in the **AK** Mts on the 19th whilst birding the road.

**Sclater's Whistler*****Pachycephala soror***

Seen on two days in the **AK** Mts on the 15th and 16th.

**Regent Whistler*****Pachycephala schlegelii***

Recorded on four days in the **AK** Mts with many birds seen very well.

**Rusty Pitohui*****Pseudorectes ferrugineus***

Heard only along the Jalan Korea Swamp road at **NK** on the 13th.

**Arafura Shrikethrush*****Colluricincla megarhyncha***

Seen along the boardwalk at **MF** on the 21st and 23rd.

**Waigeo Shrikethrush*****Colluricincla affinis***

Recorded on **WG** on two days with counts of up to 4 birds and eventually seen very well.

**Mamberamo Shrikethrush*****Colluricincla obscura***

Heard only on two days whilst birding **NK** Jalan Korea Swamp road and KM9 Look-out.

**Northern Variable Pitohui*****Pitohui kirhocephalus***

A single bird in the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

**Raja Ampat Pitohui*****Pitohui cerviniventris***

Perseverance resulted in 2 birds seen well on **WG** on 25th along West WG birding road.

**Hooded Pitohui*****Pitohui dichrous***

Recorded on three days in the **AK** Mts and seen reasonably well.

**Brown Oriole*****Oriolus szalay***

Heard only on the 21st at **MF**.

**Spangled Drongo*****Dicrurus bracteatus***

Single birds seen on three days at **NK and MF** and 2 birds seen on **WG**.

**Willie Wagtail*****Rhipidura leucophrys***

Seen on at least four days. En route to **NK, WG and MP** island.



**Northern Fantail**

Seen on at least four days at **NK** and **WG**.

**Sooty Thicket Fantail**

Heard and seen by some at **NK** on the 12th and 13th.

**Black Thicket Fantail**

Heard and seen by some at **MF** on the 21st and 22nd.

**White-bellied Thicket Fantail**

Recorded on at least two days at **NK** with birds seen on at least one day.

**Black Fantail**

Seen on six days in the **AK** Mts. The male is similar to the Black Monarch in appearance.

**Friendly Fantail**

Seen well on four days in the **AK** Mts.

**Dimorphic Fantail**

Seen on at least two days in the **AK** Mts.

**Rufous-backed Fantail**

Heard only in at **NK** on the 13th.

**Arafura Fantail**

A total of 2 birds seen well on **MP** island on the 25th.

**Drongo Fantail**

Heard only in the **AK** Mts on the 16th.

**Black (Fan-tailed) Monarch**

Seen in the **AK** Mts on three days.

**Spot-winged Monarch**

At least 2 birds seen well near **NK** on the 12th.

**Golden Monarch**

Male and female birds seen very well at **NK** along the Jalan Korea Swamp Forest road and also on **WG**.

**Ochre-collared Monarch**

Seen by Sue at **NK** with a female seen by all at **MF** along the boardwalk.

**Friilled Monarch**

Seen well at **MF** on one day and **WG** on another two days.

**Shining Flycatcher**

Recorded on four days with birds seen at **NK**, **MF** and **WG**.

**Brown-headed Crow**

Two birds were seen on **WG** in the West Waigeo Forest road.

**Torresian Crow**

Up to 2 birds seen on **WG** on the 25th along the West Waigeo Forest road.

**Lesser Melampitta**

A bird showed well to some, en route to the German Camp in the **AK** Mts on the 17th.

*Rhipidura rufiventris*

*Rhipidura threnothorax*

*Rhipidura maculipectus*

*Rhipidura leucothorax*

*Rhipidura atra*

*Rhipidura albolimbata*

*Rhipidura brachyrhyncha*

*Rhipidura rufidorsa*

*Rhipidura dryas*

*Chaetorhynchus papuensis*

*Symposiachrus axillaris*

*Symposiachrus guttula*

*Carterornis chrysomela*

*Arses insularis*

*Arses telescopthalmus*

*Myiagra alecto*

*Corvus fuscicapillus*

*Corvus orru*

*Melampitta lugubris*



**Glossy-mantled Manucode*****Manucodia ater***

Single birds seen well at **NK** on the 12th and **WG** on the 24th and the 26th.

**Crinkle-collared Manucode*****Manucodia chalybatus***

A bird visited feeders in the **AK** Mts for some of the group on the 16th.

**Trumpet Manucode*****Phonygammus keraudrenii***

A single bird on the 15th in the **AK** Mts..

**Long-tailed Paradigalla*****Paradigalla carunculata***

Two birds showed well in misty conditions during our trek to the German Camp in the **AK** Mts on the 17th.

**Arfak Astrapia*****Astrapia nigra***

A near adult male with long tail streamers was seen frustratingly briefly by most of the group whilst in the **AK** Mts on the 18th.

**Western Parotia*****Parotia sefilata***

Fabulous views from blinds and whilst birding in the **AK** Mts. Birds were recorded on four days with counts of 2 - 6 birds, including an imm. male performing its dancing display!

**Crescent-caped (Vogelkop) Lophorina*****Lophorina niedda***

Great views on a number of occasions over four days in the **AK** Mts. on the 20th.

Sightings included imm. males, females and a stunning adult male too!

**Magnificent Riflebird*****Ptiloris magnificus***

An immature male gave fantastic views and produced incredible sounds. Seen from a blind at **NK** on the 13th. Other birds were also heard at **MF** on two days.

**Black Sicklebill*****Epimachus fastosus***

Seen and heard during four days in the **AK** Mts. Females visiting feeders and a male complete with long tail near the German Camp. Amazing deep resonating call also heard!

**Black-billed Sicklebill*****Drepanornis albertisi***

Half the group got lucky with an immature male visiting feeders in the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

**Pale-billed Sicklebill*****Drepanornis bruijnii***

A single male posed for a couple of minutes at the top of a tree perch at **NK** on the 12th.

**Magnificent Bird-of-paradise*****Diphyllodes magnificus***

Seen very well over three days from blinds in the **AK** Mts. Males, immature males and females were seen including some courtship and even mating for some of the group!

**Wilson's Bird-of-paradise*****Diphyllodes respublica***

One of the tour highlights was spending a couple of hours watching up to 7 birds from a blind. This included adult males in full display, immature males and females.

**King Bird-of-paradise*****Cicinnurus regius***

A spectacular bird and vivid colour! Some excellent but partially obscured views at **NK** on the 12th of up to 3 birds. This was later eclipsed by a fabulous sighting at close range over two days at **MF** on the 21st and 22nd.



**Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise*****Seleucidis melanoleucus***

Our first morning of the tour at **NK** we were greeted with a sight never to be forgotten and a fantastic start to the tour! A male posed for us at dawn as we counted all 12 wires(!) and a female was also seen briefly. A female was also seen by some at **MF** on the 22nd.

**Lesser Bird-of-paradise*****Paradisaea minor***

The “fried eggs” of the BoP world posed for us at **NK** on 13th where 6 birds bounced around the canopy. A bird also heard in the **AK** Mts on the 20th and female seen at **MF**.

**Red Bird-of-paradise*****Paradisaea rubra***

Heard calling on the 24th on **WG** and then seen the following day. It was our final BoP of the trip and most certainly one of the most mesmerising displays as 8 birds danced around at the top of their display perch in the canopy. The sounds were pretty special too!

**Smoky Robin*****Peneothello cryptoleuca***

Recorded only in the **AK** Mts with a bird seen on the 17th and heard on the 18th.

**Slaty (Blue-Grey) Robin*****Peneothello cyanus***

Recorded on at least three days in the **AK** Mts with some good views.

**Black-sided Robin*****Poecilodryas hypoleuca***

Recorded on two days on **WG** with at least 1 bird seen well by all the group.

**Black-throated Robin*****Plesiodryas albonotata***

Recorded on two days in the **AK** Mts and its distinctive electronic high pitched call heard. A single bird did eventually show well to all.

**Ashy Robin*****Heteromyias albispecularis***

Heard only in the **AK** Mts on the 17th.

**Olive Flyrobin*****Kempiella flavovirescens***

At least 2 birds in the **AK** Mts on the 19th.

**Canary Flyrobin (Papuan Flycatcher)*****Devioeca papuana***

Recorded on at least two days in the **AK** Mts.

**Garnet Robin*****Eugerygone rubra***

A single bird seen in the **AK** Mts above the German Camp.

**Green-backed Robin*****Pachycephalopsis hattamensis***

Recorded on five days in the **AK** Mts and seen well on a number of occasions.

**Lesser Ground Robin*****Amalocichla incerta***

Heard singing during our trek to the German Camp in the **AK** Mts and then seen well on our return trip with 2 birds recorded.

**Pacific Swallow*****Hirundo tahitica***

Recorded on six days at **NK**, **MF** and **WG**.

**Barn Swallow*****Hirundo rustica***

Small numbers recorded on two days around **NK**.

**Island Leaf Warbler*****Phylloscopus poliocephalus***

Recorded on five days around the **AK** Mts and often heard, but seen well on occasions.



**Golden-headed Cisticola**

Seen well on the 11th in a grassland area near **NK**.

**Black-fronted White-eye**

Recorded on three days in the **AK** Mts.

**Capped White-eye**

Recorded on three days in the **AK** Mts.

**Metallic Starling**

First recorded at **NK** on the 13th with 40+ birds recorded. Also seen at **MF** and **WG**.

**Moluccan Starling**

Seen on **MP** island only where at least 6 birds were seen well.

**Yellow-faced Myna**

Recorded on five days at **NK** and **MF** with counts of up to six birds.

**Golden Myna**

Recorded on three days with great views at **MF**.

**Olive-crowned Flowerpecker**

Seen well in the **AK** Mts on at least four days.

**Red-capped Flowerpecker**

Seen well around **NK** on two days.

**Black Sunbird**

Good views of male & female at **NK** on the 12th and again whilst descending the **AK** Mts on the 20th.

**Olive-backed Sunbird**

Relatively common species recorded on six days at **NK**, **AK**, **MF** and **WG**.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow**

Common in suitable habitat with birds recorded on at least six days often when travelling.

**Streak-headed Mannikin**

Seen very well in a grassland area near **NK** on the 11th and 13th.

**Great-billed Mannikin (Grand Munia)**

Seen very well in a grassland area near **NK** on the 11th.

**Hooded Mannikin**

Seen very well in a grassland area near **NK** on the 11th.

**Blue-faced Parrotfinch**

A single bird in the **AK** Mts on the 19th gave good views albeit briefly!

**Grey Wagtail**

Recorded on four days at **NK**, **AK** Mts and **WG**.

*Cisticola exilis*

*Zosterops chrysolaemus*

*Zosterops fuscicapilla*

*Aplonis metallica*

*Aplonis mysolensis*

*Mino dumontii*

*Mino anais*

*Dicaeum pectorale*

*Dicaeum geelvinkianum*

*Leptocoma aspasia*

*Cinnyris jugularis*

*Passer montanus*

*Mayrimunia tristissima*

*Lonchura grandis*

*Lonchura spectabilis*

*Erythrura trichroa*

*Motacilla cinerea*



## Total number of mammals recorded: 7 species

### Common Echymipera

*Echymipera kalubu*

Seen well at **MF** by Chris & Pete on the night of 21st and by Simon early on 22nd.

### Northern Common Cuscus

*Phalanger orientalis*

Seen well at **MF** by Chris and Pete on the night of the 21st.

### Waigeo Spotted Cuscus

*Spilocuscus papuensis*

Seen well by spotlight near our accommodation on **WG** on the evening of the 25th.

### Torresian Striped Possum

*Dactylopsila trivirgata*

Seen well by spotlight from the boardwalk at **MF** by Chris and Pete on the 21st.

### Short-finned Pilot Whale

*Globicephala macrorhynchus*

At least 6 animals seen from the **Sorong - Waisai ferry** on the 23rd.

### Pantropical Spotted Dolphin

*Stenella attenuata*

At least 2 animals seen from the **Waisai - Sorong ferry** on the 26th.

### Geelvink Bay Flying Fox

*Pteropus pohlei*

Literally thousands of Flying Foxes were seen leaving their roost from site as we returned from our boat trip to **MP** on the 25th and seemed to fit this species.



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