



A **Tropical Birding** Set Departure tour

West Papua: Paradise Regained

2nd to 22nd September 2023



Vogelkop Bowerbird by Rich Lindie

Guided by Rich Lindie & Jose Illanes

TOUR SUMMARY:

"Challenging but successful". That's how one of this year's tour participants summed up the trip. "One of the toughest trips we've ever done, but also one of the most productive", as another put it. Nothing unusual there; travel and birding in New Guinea are challenging exploits on several levels, yet worth every effort. After all, the island's oft-repeated list of major drawcards and unique attractions are actually worthy of the hype. Sure, the act of simply focusing optical equipment on many of the island's feathered inhabitants is difficult to say the least, and, yes, the ever-present threat of forced logistical changes comes with the territory, but the almost indescribable displays and norm-challenging morphologies of many of its birds is genuinely unmatched in scale. Where else offers a combination of pigeons the size of well, pheasants, parrots smaller than some hummingbirds, and plumages so bizarre that it's not uncommon to hear, "where do those feathers come from?", or, "what part of the bird is that?". Oh, and then there's the unmatched density of endemism and all that. Still not convinced? How does the image of swathes of near-untouched forest, often stretching as far as the airplane-bound eye can see, sound? It seldom gets the same amount of airtime as the spectacular birds and such, but the vastness of New Guinea's forests is nothing short of a serious breath of fresh air that has to go down as a highlight worth writing home about, for even the most well-traveled of birders (maybe even more so?).

But enough about the general, what about this year's tour to see 'the best birds on earth'. Well, despite being effectively restricted to under 3km of road and trails for our entire time in the Snow Mountains (amounting to an elevational range of just 300m), and some incredibly challenging conditions in the lowlands around Nimbokrang, we racked up over 330 species. That's including 5 endemic families, 17 species of Bird-of-Paradise seen, nearly 50 species of Kingfisher, Fruit-Dove and Parrot (why not add them all up!?), as well as scarce species like Papuan Owl, Orange-crowned Fairywren and Brown-headed Crow. Throw in several dozen tasty Soursop blends, some fascinating encounters with several of the island's 2-legged inhabitants, and a journey that spent much of its time well off the beaten tourist track, and I think it's safe to say the trip was an against-the-odds success by any count.

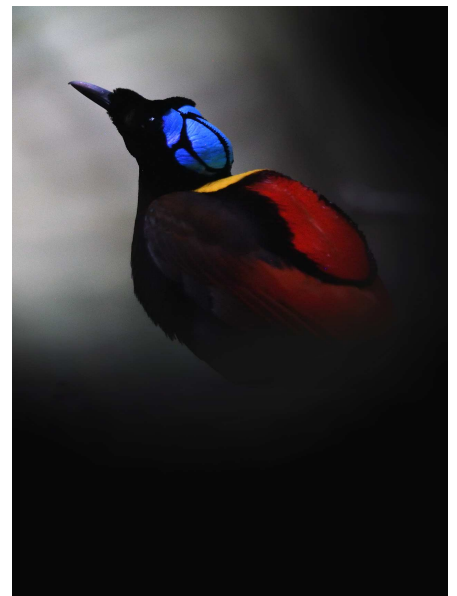
TOP THREE Birds-of-the-tour:

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| 1-Red Bird-of-Paradise | (Waigeo) |
| 2-Vogelkop Bowerbird | (Arfaks) |
| 3-Western Crowned Pigeon | (Malagufuk) |

The runners-up:

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| Mottled Berryhunter | (Arfaks) |
| Orange-crowned Fairywren | (Arfaks) |
| Tit-Berrypecker | (Arfaks) |
| Papuan Pitta | (Waigeo) |

Note that Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise (right) didn't even make the top 10!





Geelvink Pygmy-Parrot by José Illanes

Days 1 to 3 (of the extension): 2nd to 4th September 2023 – Biak Island

Kicking things off with a couple of days of birding on Biak island, those who signed up for the pre-tour extension added nearly all the island's endemic species and subspecies to their total West Papua haul, as well as some other bonuses; thanks in no small part to the bonus morning's birding we enjoyed on our first day, owing to the early arrival of all members of the group.

Highlights of course included sightings of **Biak Monarch**, a pair of **Biak Scops Owl** (five minutes into our first attempt!), a sighting of a pair of **Biak Scrubfowl**, an early encounter with a flock of the sometimes tricky **Biak White-eye**, great looks at the distinctive local form of **Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove**, several sightings of **Geelvink Fruit-Dove**, **Great Cuckoo-Dove** displays, perched **Geelvink Pygmy-Parrot**, the local subspecies of **Hooded Pitta**, countless sightings of **Long-tailed Starling**, a handful of sightings of **Biak Flycatcher**, a pair of **Coconut Lorikeet** of the endemic subspecies, several **Black-winged Lorys**, **Biak Paradise-Kingfisher**, perched and flying **Geelvink Imperial Pigeons**, and (eventually) good looks at **Biak Coucal**. Not a bad haul for just a little over 2 days of birding in warm and steamy conditions!



Papuan Owl by Rich Lindie

Days 1 to 3 (of the main tour): 4th to 6th September 2023 – Nimbokrang

From Biak, we flew to Sentani where we collected the last of our 2023 TB West Papua family members, and made our way directly to Nimbokrang. There we spent the next two days and nights experiencing a combination of the most-humid weather of the trip and several of its most memorable sightings. Chief among these sightings were, of course, those of the first Birds-of-Paradise of the tour - four of which came within the first 24 hours! Starting with an afternoon visit to the small-but-productive canopy tower near our accommodation, where several species of cuckooshrike and honeyeater provided us with our first looks at mainland endemics, and where our very first species of Bird-of-Paradise was seen (albeit a Manucode), it finally felt like West Papua birding had begun in earnest.

And so the theme continued, as the next morning saw us move from one display site to the next, starting with that of a **Twelve-wired BoP**, and moving on to those of **Lesser** and **King BoPs** in quick succession. Climbing hills in the hot and steamy conditions was taxing to say the least, but there's no denying that first morning was a highlight of the trip. For the afternoon and early evening, we visited Jalan Korea, where highlight sightings included those of a **Dwarf Koel** and **Zoe's Imperial Pigeons** in full song and in full-view, and a **Papuan Nightjar**, while lowlights were only hearing Pale-billed Sickbill and birding to the ever-present background noise of chainsaws.

For our second morning in the area, revisits to the tower and the trails behind the lodge provided yet more firsts, as well as some appreciated further looks at species seen only the day before, while the afternoon saw us dodging rain storms at the KM9 viewpoint, where bird activity was incredibly slow, though this was soon forgotten as our next stop was the air-conditioned lobby of our hotel in Sentani.



Grand Munia by Daniëlle Perdaen

Day 4: 7th September 2023 – Sentani

Afforded the opportunity to visit grasslands near Sentani during early-morning hours, our first visit to the area was particularly productive and enjoyable. And while a sighting of a snipe species was all too brief, we enjoyed fantastic and multiple views of all our targets, including **Blue-breasted Quail**, **Hooded Munia** and **Grand Munia**, as well as several bonuses; the most talked about of which was a **Cinnamon Bittern**, but also included a **Papuan Harrier** and **White-browed Crake**.

For our first afternoon in the area, we took a leisurely and enjoyable, even if relatively unproductive, boat ride around Sentani lake - the highlights of which were **Nankeen Night Herons** and dinner in lovely settings on the edge of the lake.



New Guinea Landscape by Daniëlle Perdaen

Days 5 to 9: 8th to 12th September 2023 – The Snow Mountains

Leaving Sentani (after another trip out to the grasslands), we flew to Wamena where cooler climes and a near-completely new suite of avifauna awaited, and where, for the first time on the trip, we were to unpack our bags of a full four night's stay. Both a blessing and a curse, as it turned out, as troubles in the region had meant not only were we denied access to Lake Habbema and its surroundings, but also much of the Baliem Valley, leaving us with very a very limited area to explore for nearly four whole days of birding! I say 'curse' somewhat lightly, though, as our persistent efforts and patience in our confined space yielded both new and wonderful sightings on every day we were in the area, not to mention a very respectable total number of species seen - many of which were endemics. Among the rewards and consolations, sightings of **Loria's Satinbird**, point-blank looks at **Archbold's Nightjar**, hard-earned looks at **Mountain Kingfisher**, **Short-tailed Paradigalla** and **Modest Tiger Parrot** were outstanding, while even repeated sightings of **Smoky Honeyeaters** were still not unappreciated by our final day. Two separate visits to a small ridge overlooking a mix of farmland, grasslands and scrub yielded great looks at male and female **Greater Lophorinas**, **Ornate Melidectes**, a surprise **Australasian Grass-Owl**, several **Baliem Whistlers** and flocks of **Capped White-eyes**.

Good as it had been under the circumstances, by the time our final morning in the Snow Mountains came, we were all nonetheless ready for some change, and so it was we sat eagerly in the airport, perusing the long list of target species that lay ahead, before we flew to Sentani for our final night there.



Black-billed Sickbill by Rich Lindie

Days 10 to 14: 13th to 17th September 2023 – Arfak Mountains

The Arfak mountains were next on the agenda, and so we winged our way across Cenderawasih Bay to Manokwari, had a quick lunch, and set off for our drive to base-camp in Minggre village. Stopping along the way, we managed to pick up a few new species, including our first **Vulturine Parrots** of the trip, but our real Arfak adventures were only to begin the next morning.

That morning started with a visit to a hide to see **Crescent-caped Lophorina**, a male and female of which we had great looks at. From there, we walked a short way along the road nearby, where we saw our first **Arfak Honeyeaters**. A short while later we hiked a short way from camp to a hide overlooking a **Vogelkop Bowerbird bower**. Admiring the bower in all its plastic-filled glory, we were soon graced with the presence of its owner-builder, who duly went about tidying up his display court, much to the amusement of the group. Few birds as drab as this leave such a lasting impression on birding groups but this species and its bower never cease to amaze! The morning wasn't over, though, as our next stop was to see a **Vogelkop Owlet-Nightjar** hiding out in a tree stump. Surely the most referenced hike of the tour, our journey to and from the stump really gave us an appreciation for the gradients in the Arfak mountains, and just how handy the ever-present hoard of porters

were to become! Our afternoon involved yet more steep trails, another hide (this time for **Black Sickelbill**) and a little more roadside birding, though nothing of significance was seen during the latter - largely owing to some miserable weather.

For our second morning in the Arfaks, we made our way into the valley above Syoubri Village, where top sightings included both **Tit-Berrypecker** and **Mottled Berryhunter**, a small flock of **Orange-crowned Fairywrens** and two **Spotted Berrypeckers**, followed by a short-but-steep hike from basecamp to see a roosting **Mountain Owlet-Nightjar**. For the afternoon, we started with a visit to a couple of hides overlooking **Magnificent BoP** display courts, where we all got to see this well-named bird, and where some got to see its mesmerizing display. After that, some birding along a nearby stretch of road produced a wonderful flock that held several **Goldenface** and **Drongo Fantails**.



Western Parotia (female) by Rich Lindie

Our third morning in the Arfaks saw us splitting into two main groups. Some of us spent some time at a viewpoint where we enjoyed great looks at a **Flame Bowerbird** - a truly spectacular bird - while others opted for visits to various hides. Most of us then met up for a hike to see a **Sooty Owl** that was a no-show, but for which we were consoled with great looks at **Mottled Berryhunter**, our only **Lesser Melampitta** of the trip, a **Rufescent Imperial Pigeon** and a **Lesser Ground Robin**. That afternoon, most of the group opted for a trip to Lake Anggi where they

saw **Grey-banded Mannikin**, while the rest of us paid visits to a **Vogelkop Bowerbird** bower and a hide overlooking some fruit, where **Black Sicklebill** was seen again. Reunited again shortly before dark, we all took a short walk to admire a roosting **Feline Owlet-Nightjar** - our third and final for the mountains.

Our final day in the Arfaks saw us splitting up again, with some opting for a (successful) trip to catch up with **Masked Bowerbird**, while others spent some time in hides. In the end, we all ended up with great views of **Black-billed Sicklebill** and **Western Parotia**.

After a photo-shoot and a somewhat ceremonial fairwell from our hosts at camp, we made our way down to the foothills, where some fast-paced birding bagged us **Northern Variable Pitohui**, **Friiled Monarch**, **Greater Black Coucal** and **Golden Monarch** before we finally made our way back to Manokwari.



Vogelkop Bowerbird by Rich Lindie



Western Crowned Pigeon by José Illanes

Days 15 and 16: 18th to 19th September 2023 – Manokwari to Sorong and on to Waigeo

From Manokwari, we flew to Sorong, where we took a break at our hotel in the midday heat, and then headed out to some nearby mangroves. There, in yet more warm and steamy conditions, we finally caught up with **Orange-fronted Fruit Dove** and, after some patience, a gorgeous **Blue-black Kingfisher**!

The next morning, we headed east of town to the start of the Malagufuk Ecovillage boardwalk, where a couple of hours of birding produced several firsts, as well as some of the very best birds of the trip, including **Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher**, **Golden Cuckooshrike**, **Papuan Babbler**, **Golden Myna**, **Sooty Thicket-Fantail**, **Olive Flyrobin**, and a major bonus in the form of a **Western Crowned Pigeon**!

For the afternoon, we made our way to Waigeo Island aboard a public ferry, where some of us opted for birding from the deck while others stuck it out in the air-conditioned cabin which was anything but. On the island, we managed to see a **Brown-headed Crow** before bird activity quietened down, and enjoyed a little time to admire the surroundings of our beachside accommodations before dark.



Red Bird-of-Paradise by José Illanes

Days 16 and 18: 20th to 21st September 2023 – Waigeo

Our first full day on Waigeo began with a visit to hides overlooking **Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise** display sites, where we all eventually laid eyes on this much-anticipated species. We then walked the nearby track, where we found one new species after another, including **Common Paradise-Kingfisher**, **Raja Ampat Pitohui**, **Papuan Pitta**, **Waigeo Shrikethrush** and **Brown Oriole**, ending up with great looks at **Beautiful Fruit Dove** to round off a great morning's birding. For the afternoon, we headed out to look for **Hook-billed Kingfisher**, which we found in record time, and enjoyed great looks at, before rain put paid to nocturnal birding plans.

Our second morning on Waigeo saw us hiking a steep hill one last time on the tour, and, once again, in the pre-dawn dark. This time, we were headed to a display site for **Red Bird-of-Paradise**. To say the hike was worth it would be an understatement, as not only did the birds put on a spectacular display, **Red BoP** made its way onto almost all of the top-5 lists submitted by the group. After satiating on the avian show, we made our way down the trail and back to the road where we slowly walked our way back toward camp for an enjoyable few hours. For the afternoon, we headed 30km over the water to Merpati Island, where a very enjoyable 90 minutes of birding bagged us all our target species, including **White-breasted Fruit-Dove**, **Violet-necked Lory**, **Olive Honeyeater** and **Moluccan Starling**. Back at home-base, we then gathered our flashlights and headed to some nearby forest where we had wonderful looks at **Papuan Boobook** and a **Waigeo Spotted Cuscus**.

Our final morning on Waigeo was spent along various stretches of road near the airstrip. It took some time but we eventually tracked down our first and only Palm Cockatoos of the trip, as well as some much-appreciated bonuses, including **Lowland Peltops**, **Orange-fronted Hanging-Parrot** and **Radjah Shelduck**. The ferry trip back to Sorong in the afternoon was somewhat uneventful, though we were glad to find that at least one air-conditioner was working in the cabin. A celebratory dinner at our hotel in Sorong saw in the last moments of the tour, though birding was not over, as the majority of the group went on to Jakarta the morning, where several hours produced some great birds, including Christmas Island Frigatebird!



Waigeo Cuscus by Daniëlle Perdaen



Black Sickbill by Daniëlle Perdaen

CHECKLISTS:

BIRDS

The taxonomy of the bird list follows Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W. *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World*. Cornell, 2007. This list is up to date with changes published by Cornell in **October 2022**.

(E) - INDICATES A SPECIES OR SUBSPECIES THAT IS ENDEMIC TO NEW GUINEA AND/OR ITS NEARBY ISLANDS.

Number of families for which at least one representative was recorded: 66

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL (Anatidae)

Spotted Whistling-Duck

Dendrocygna guttata

A flock at Nimbokrang, several on Lake Sentani.

Radjah Shelduck

Radjah radjah

One sighting on our last morning on Waigeo.

MEGAPODES (Megapodiidae)

Red-billed Brushturkey (E)	<i>Talegalla cuvieri</i>	Heard a few times, along Malagufuk boardwalk.
Red-legged Brushturkey (E)	<i>Talegalla jobiensis</i>	Heard a few times, at Nimbokrang.
Dusky Megapode (Scrubfowl)	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>	One sighting on Merpati Island.
Biak Megapode (Scrubfowl) (E)	<i>Megapodius geelvinkianus</i>	One sighting of a pair, along the Sauri Trail, Biak.

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, AND ALLIES (Phasianidae)

Brown Quail	<i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i>	Several sightings, in grasslands near Sentani.
Blue-breasted (King) Quail	<i>Synoicus chinensis</i>	Several sightings, in grasslands near Sentani.

PIGEONS AND DOVES (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon (I)	<i>Columba livia</i>	
Spotted Dove (I)	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	Daily sightings in the grasslands near Sentani.
Amboyna (Slender-billed) Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	A few on Biak, a couple in the Nimbokrang area.
Sultan's (Slender-billed) Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia doreya</i>	
Black-billed (Bar-tailed) Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>	A few in the Baliem Valley, several in the Arfaks
Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardti</i>	Displaying birds seen from the tower at Nimbokrang.
Great (Biak) Cuckoo-Dove (E)	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardti brevis</i>	Two separate sightings of displaying birds!
Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>	A few very brief sightings on Waigeo
Western Crowned-Pigeon (E)	<i>Goura cristata</i>	A welcome, lengthy and up-close sighting of one, near the start of the Malagufuk boardwalk.
Wompoo Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>	A few heard on Waigeo.
Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus</i>	A young bird, close to the tower in Nimbokrang.
Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>	Several in the mangroves near Sorong.
Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	One sighting in the Arfak foothills.
Beautiful Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus pulchellus</i>	Great views of a pair, at the end of our first morning walk on Waigeo.
White-breasted (Mountain) Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli bellus</i>	Scattered sightings in the Arfaks, countless heard there, too.
White-breasted (Moluccan) Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli prasinorrhous</i>	Good looks at a couple, on Merpati Island.
Geelvink (Yellow-bibbed) Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus speciosus</i>	Great looks at several, on Biak.
Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Great looks at several, of two distinctive forms, on Biak and on Waigeo.

Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>	Ubiquitous around Nimbokrang, a few on Waigeo.
Dwarf Fruit-Dove (E)	<i>Ptilinopus nainus</i>	A brief sighting at Nimbokrang, from the lookout on the hill behind our lodge.
Spice Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula myristicivora</i>	Great looks at a few, in the grounds of our Waigeo accommodation.
Geelvink Imperial-Pigeon (E)	<i>Ducula geelvinkiana</i>	Several on our second afternoon on Biak.
Purple-tailed Imperial-Pigeon (E)	<i>Ducula rufigaster</i>	A probable sighting of one, from a bridge on Jalan Korea, near Nimbokrang.
Rufescent (Shining) Imperial-Pigeon (E)	<i>Ducula chalconota</i>	A brief sighting of one, on our return from the no-show Sooty Owl, along a trail up the road from Minggrei
Pinon's Imperial-Pigeon (E)	<i>Ducula pinon</i>	Several around Nimbokrang and on Waigeo.
Collared Imperial-Pigeon (E)	<i>Ducula mullerii</i>	Good looks at several at the mangroves near Sorong.
Zoe's Imperial-Pigeon (E)	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>	Great looks at a few, first from a bridge along Jalan Korea.
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Several sightings, mostly close the beach, on Waigeo.
Torresian Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>	A couple of sightings on Biak.
Papuan Mountain-Pigeon	<i>Gymnophaps albertisii</i>	A handful in the Arfaks, some through the telescope.

CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)

Biak Coucal (E)	<i>Centropus chalybeus</i>	Eventually seen well, on our second afternoon on Biak.
Greater Black Coucal (E)	<i>Centropus menbeki</i>	One frustrating encounter in the Arfak foothills.
Lesser Black Coucal (E)	<i>Centropus bernsteini</i>	A few in grasslands near Sentani.
Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	A few in grasslands near Sentani.
Dwarf Koel (E)	<i>Microdynamis parva</i>	Great looks at a singing individual, from a bridge along Jalan Korea, Nimbokrang area.
Pacific Koel	<i>Eudynamis orientalis</i>	Heard in the Arfaks.
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	A few sightings in the grasslands near Sentani, first sighted over the mangroves on Biak.
Rufous-throated Bronze-Cuckoo (E)	<i>Chrysococcyx ruficollis</i>	Great looks at a signing bird, near the upper 'camp' on the Pass Valley road.
White-eared Bronze-Cuckoo (E)	<i>Chrysococcyx meyerii</i>	Two sightings in the Arfaks.
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx minutillus</i>	A few in the Nimbokrang area, a great show from a gathering of 3 on our final morning on Waigeo.
White-crowned Koel (E)	<i>Cacomantis leucolophus</i>	Heard in the Arfak foothills.
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	A couple seen along the Pass Valley road.
Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Several sightings, starting with a few on Biak.

FROGMOUTHS (Podargidae)

Marbled Frogmouth	<i>Podargus ocellatus</i>	One near our accommodation in Nimbokrang, another on a rainy nocturnal excursion on Biak. At least three near our accommodation in Nimbokrang, another at our accommodation on Waigeo.
Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>	

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES (Caprimulgidae)

Papuan Nightjar (E)	<i>Eurostopodus papuensis</i>	One, along Jalan Korea, Nimbokrang area.
Archbold's Nightjar (E)	<i>Eurostopodus archboldi</i>	Point-blank looks at one, along the Pass Valley road, others seen during drives in the area.
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	One sighting during our vigil for Biak Scops Owl.

OWLET-NIGHTJARS (Aegotheidae)

Feline Owlet-nightjar (E)	<i>Aegotheles insignis</i>	Great looks at one, in a tree fern, in the Arfaks.
Mountain Owlet-nightjar (E)	<i>Aegotheles albertisi</i>	One, roosting in dense vegetation, at the bottom of a very steep, short track, in Minggrei.
Vogelkop Owlet-nightjar (E)	<i>Aegotheles affinis</i>	One, roosting in a hollow, at the bottom of a very steep, not-so-short track, in the lower Arfaks.

SWIFTS (Apodidae)

Papuan Spinetailed Swift (E)	<i>Mearnsia novaeguineae</i>	A few sightings in the Nimbokrang area.
Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	
Mountain Swiftlet (E)	<i>Aerodramus hirundinaceus</i>	
Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	

TREESWIFTS (Hemiprocnidae)

Moustached Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>	Several sightings, first on Biak.
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RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS (Rallidae)

Lewin's Rail	<i>Gymnocrex pectoralis</i>	A surprise sighting of one, near the upper camp, along the Pass Valley road.
Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	A couple of sightings in the grasslands near Sentani, another in the mangroves near Sorong.
White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i>	Good looks at a pair, in the grasslands near Sorong.

Pale-vented Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccana</i>	Heard by some, along Jalan Korea and in the grasslands near Sentani.
White-striped Forest-Rail (E)	<i>Rallina leucospila</i>	One sighting in the Arfaks.
Spotless Crake	<i>Zapornia tabuensis</i>	One sightings, in the grasslands near Sentani.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS (Charadriidae)

Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	A flock at the ferry terminal on Waigeo.
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SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES (Scolopacidae)

Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Two brief sightings in grasslands near Sentani.
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	
Snipe sp.	<i>Gallinago sp</i>	
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Waigeo
Gray-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS (Laridae)

Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Great Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>

SHEARWATERS AND PETRELS (Procellariidae)

Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	During the ferry ride to Waigeo.
Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>	During the ferry ride to Waigeo.
Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	During the ferry ride to Waigeo.
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardena pacifica</i>	During the ferry ride to Waigeo.

FRIGATEBIRDS (Fregatidae)

Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	A few around Waigeo and Merpati.
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CORMORANTS AND SHAGS (Phalacrocoracidae)

Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>
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HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS (Ardeidae)

Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	One, in grasslands near Sentani.
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	One at Sentani airport.
White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Two, on the coast at Waigeo. Several at Lake Sentani,
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	
Nankeen Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	

OSPREY (Pandionidae)

Osprey

*Pandion haliaetus***HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES (Accipitridae)**

Long-tailed Honey-buzzard (E)

Henicopernis longicauda

A few good sightings, including some in the Nimbokrang area.

Pacific Baza

Aviceda subcristata

Three on Biak, 1 on our last morning on Waigeo.

Pygmy Eagle (E)

Hieraaetus weiskei

One in the Arfak foothills.

Gurney's Eagle

Aquila gurneyi

One, during the drive from Malagufuk to Sorong.

Papuan Marsh-Harrier (E)

Circus spilothorax

One in the grasslands near Sentani, others in the Baliem Valley.

Variable Goshawk

Accipiter hiogaster

Several.

Black-mantled Goshawk (E)

Accipiter melanochlamys

One sighting from the Flame Bowerbird viewpoint, another further up in the Arfaks.

Whistling Kite

Haliastur sphenurus

Brahminy Kite

Haliastur indus

White-bellied Sea-Eagle

*Haliaeetus leucogaster***BARN-OWLS (Tytonidae)**

Sooty Owl

Tyto tenebricosa

Heard near our accommodation in the Arfaks.

Australasian Grass-Owl

Tyto novaehollandiae

One sighting in the Baliem Valley.

OWLS (Strigidae)

Biak Scops-Owl (E)

Otus beccarii

A pair, after only a few minutes of trying, in the interior of Biak.

Papuan Boobook (E)

Ninox theomacha

One, near our accommodation on Waigeo.

Papuan Owl (E)

Uroglaux dimorpha

Great looks at one, on our second evening in the Nimbokrang area.

HORNBILLS (Bucerotidae)

Blyth's (Papuan) Hornbill

*Rhyticeros plicatus ruficollis***KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)**

Little Kingfisher

Ceyx pusillus

One, flying, in the mangroves near Sorong.

Rufous-bellied Kookaburra (E)

Dacelo gaudichaud

Several.

Blue-black Kingfisher (E)	<i>Todiramphus nigrocyanus</i>	One, in the mangroves near Sorong.
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	Several.
Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus saurophagus</i>	First in the Biak mangroves, a handful of sightings on Waigeo/Merpati.
Hook-billed Kingfisher (E)	<i>Melidora macrorrhina</i>	Superb looks, after only minutes of trying, on Biak.
Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro</i>	Several heard, one seen near the lookout at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Mountain Kingfisher (E)	<i>Syma megarhyncha</i>	Eventually seen, on our last morning along the Pass Valley road.
Common Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanyiptera galatea</i>	A couple seen, several heard, on Waigeo.
Biak Paradise-Kingfisher (E)	<i>Tanyiptera riedelii</i>	A few, along the Sauri trail, Biak.
Red-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher (E)	<i>Tanyiptera nympha</i>	One, along the Malagufuk boardwalk.

BEE-EATERS (Meropidae)

Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	In the grasslands near Sentani.
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Biak and Waigeo.

ROLLERS (Coraciidae)

Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	
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FALCONS AND CARACARAS (Falconidae)

Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>	One, in the grasslands near Sentani.
Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	One, in the Baliem Valley.

COCKATOOS (Cacatuidae)

Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>	Two sightings, both of single individuals only, on our last morning on Waigeo.
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	

OLD WORLD PARROTS (Psittaculidae)

Pesquet's (Vulturine) Parrot (E)	<i>Psittrichas fulgidus</i>	A few in the Arfaks, a pair during the drive from Malagufuk to Sorong.
Geelvink Pygmy-Parrot (E)	<i>Micropsitta geelvinkiana</i>	A couple of sightings, one of a perched bird, on Biak.
Buff-faced Pygmy-Parrot (E)	<i>Micropsitta pusio</i>	A couple of sightings at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.

Moluccan King-Parrot	<i>Alisterus amboinensis</i>	A handful, seen together, from the Flame Bowerbird viewpoint, Arfaks.
Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Biak and Waigeo, several on the latter, no females sighted on the former.
Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>	Biak, Nimbokrang and Waigeo; great looks on the latter.
Blue-collared Parrot (E)	<i>Geoffroyus simplex</i>	One flock, flying over distantly, on our first morning in the Arfaks.
Modest Tiger-Parrot (E)	<i>Psittacella modesta</i>	Great looks at one, on trail near the upper camp along the Pass Valley road.
Great-billed Parrot	<i>Tanygnathus megalorynchos</i>	One, flying over, on our last morning on Waigeo.
Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>	One sighting from the tower at Nimbokrang.
Plum-faced Lorikeet (E)	<i>Oreopsittacus arfaki</i>	One sighting along the Pass Valley road.
Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Hypocharmosyna placentis</i>	One sighting, of birds in flight, in the interior of Biak.
Fairy Lorikeet (E)	<i>Charmosynopsis pulchella</i>	Heard in the Arfaks.
Papuan Lorikeet (E)	<i>Charmosyna papou</i>	One sighting in the Arfaks.
Stella's Lorikeet (E)	<i>Charmosyna papou goliathina</i>	One sighting along the Pass Valley road.
Yellow-billed Lorikeet (E)	<i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii</i>	Several along the Pass Valley road.
Orange-billed Lorikeet (E)	<i>Neopsittacus pullicauda</i>	A few along the Pass Valley road.
Black-capped Lory (E)	<i>Lorius lory</i>	A handful in the Nimbokrang, again on Waigeo.
Dusky Lory (E)	<i>Pseudeos fuscata</i>	A couple of sightings in the Nimbokrang area.
Goldie's Lorikeet (E)	<i>Glossoptilus goldiei</i>	One sighting, of two birds in flight, along a trail near the upper camp along the Pass Valley road.
Black-winged Lory (E)	<i>Eos cyanogenia</i>	Several sightings of birds flying by, on Biak.
Violet-necked Lory	<i>Eos squamata</i>	At least one pair, in coconut flowers, on Merpati Island.
Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	
Coconut (Biak) Lorikeet (E)	<i>Trichoglossus h. rosenbergii</i>	Two seen in flight, on our second afternoon on Biak.
Papuan (Orange-fronted) Hanging-Parrot (E)	<i>Loriculus aurantiifrons</i>	Several feeding in a flowering tree, next to a main road, on Waigeo.

PITTAS (Pittidae)

Papuan Pitta (E)	<i>Erythropitta macklotii</i>	One, obligingly on a mossy log, during our first morning on Waigeo.
Hooded Pitta (Papuan)	<i>Pitta sordida novaeguineae</i>	One, during our second morning on Waigeo.
Hooded Pitta (Biak) (E)	<i>Pitta sordida rosenbergii</i>	

BOWERBIRDS (Ptilonorhynchidae)

Arfak (Black-eared) Catbird (E)	<i>Ailuroedus arfakianus</i>	Heard daily in the Arfaks.
Vogelkop Bowerbird (E)	<i>Amblyornis inornata</i>	Unforgettable encounters in the Arfaks.
Flame Bowerbird (E)	<i>Sericulus ardens</i>	Two sightings, both on separate mornings, from a roadside viewpoint in the Arfaks.

AUSTRALASIAN TREECREEPERS (Climacteridae)

Papuan Treecreeper (E)	<i>Cormobates placens</i>	A few sightings, first along the Pass Valley road.
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FAIRYWRENS (Maluridae)

Orange-crowned Fairywren (E)	<i>Clytomyias insignis</i>	A wonderful encounter with a small flock, along a trail above Syoubri Village, in the Arfaks.
Emperor Fairywren (E)	<i>Malurus cyanocephalus</i>	One sighting on Biak.
White-shouldered Fairywren (E)	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>	Several.

HONEYEATERS (Meliphagidae)

Plain Honeyeater (E)	<i>Pycnopygius ixoides</i>	A few in the Nimbokrang area, first from the tower.
Marbled Honeyeater (E)	<i>Pycnopygius cinereus</i>	Two brief sightings along the Pass Valley road.
Streak-headed Honeyeater (E)	<i>Pycnopygius stictocephalus</i>	A few in the Nimbokrang area, first from the tower.
Puff-backed Honeyeater (E)	<i>Meliphaga aruensis</i>	A brief sighting from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Mountain Honeyeater (E)	<i>Microptilotis orientalis</i>	A few sightings in the Arfaks.
Mimic Honeyeater (E)	<i>Microptilotis analogus</i>	Several around Nimbokrang and on Waigeo.
Black-throated Honeyeater (E)	<i>Caligavis subfrenata</i>	One sighting, along the Pass Valley road.
Ornate Melidectes (E)	<i>Melidectes torquatus</i>	A few in the Baliem Valley, one in the Arfaks.
Vogelkop Melidectes (E)	<i>Melidectes leucostephes</i>	A few in the Arfaks, one from a Mag BoP hide.
Belford's Melidectes (E)	<i>Melidectes belfordi</i>	Several along the Pass Valley road.
Varied Honeyeater	<i>Gavicalis versicolor</i>	Merpati Island.
Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	A few in the mangroves near Sorong.
Arfak Honeyeater (E)	<i>Melipotes gymnops</i>	A few in the Arfaks.
Smoky Honeyeater (E)	<i>Melipotes fumigatus</i>	Several along the Pass Valley road, as well as in the Baliem Valley.
Long-billed Honeyeater (E)	<i>Melilestes megarhynchus</i>	One heard in the Arfak foothills.

Ruby-throated Myzomela (E)	<i>Myzomela eques</i>	One brief sighting, from the lookout at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Red Myzomela (E)	<i>Myzomela cruentata</i>	A couple of sightings in the Arfaks, first above Syoubri.
Elfin (Mountain) Myzomela (E)	<i>Myzomela adolphinae</i>	One sighting in the Arfaks.
Red-collared Myzomela (E)	<i>Myzomela rosenbergii</i>	A few in the Arfaks, first above Syoubri.
Green-backed Honeyeater (E)	<i>Glycichaera fallax</i>	Two, from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Rufous-sided Honeyeater (E)	<i>Ptiloprora erythropleura</i>	Two together, at the start of the trail to the no-show Sooty Owl, Arfaks.
Gray-streaked Honeyeater (E)	<i>Ptiloprora perstriata</i>	Several along the Pass Valley road.
Olive Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera argentea</i>	Several on Merpati Island.
Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer</i>	Nimbokrang, Arfak foothills and Waigeo.
Meyer's Friarbird (E)	<i>Philemon meyeri</i>	Jalan Korea, near Nimbokrang.
Helmeted (New Guinea) Friarbird (E)	<i>Philemon buceroides novaeguineae</i>	

THORNBILLS AND ALLIES (Acanthizidae)

Goldenface (E)	<i>Pachycare flavogriseum</i>	A few encountered in mixed-species flocks, at several spots in the Arfaks.
Rusty Mouse-Warbler (E)	<i>Crateroscelis murina</i>	A couple of sightings, one above Syoubri, another from a Wilson's BoP hide, Waigeo.
Mountain Mouse-Warbler (E)	<i>Crateroscelis robusta</i>	Good looks at a pair, along the Pass Valley road.
Large Scrubwren (E)	<i>Sericornis nouhuysi</i>	Several in both high-elevation areas visited.
Vogelkop Scrubwren (E)	<i>Sericornis rufescens</i>	A few sightings in the Arfaks.
Buff-faced Scrubwren (E)	<i>Sericornis perspicillatus</i>	A couple of sightings along the Pass Valley road.
Papuan Scrubwren (E)	<i>Sericornis papuensis</i>	A couple of sightings along the Pass Valley road.
Gray-green Scrubwren (E)	<i>Sericornis arfakianus</i>	A couple of sightings in the Arfaks, first above Syoubri Village.
Pale-billed Scrubwren (E)	<i>Sericornis spilodera</i>	Two sightings on our first morning on Waigeo, first from a Wilson's BoP hide.
Gray (Ashy) Thornbill (E)	<i>Acanthiza cinerea</i>	One sighting, from a hide in the Arfaks.
Green-backed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone chloronota</i>	Great looks from the tower at Alex's place, more seen and heard on Waigeo.
Biak (Large-billed) Gerygone (E)	<i>Gerygone hypoxantha</i>	At least three seen during our second morning on Biak.
Yellow-bellied Gerygone (E)	<i>Gerygone chrysogaster</i>	First seen in the forest above Alex's place, Nimbokrang, several seen on Waigeo.
Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>	A pair, in mangroves, near our accommodation on Waigeo.
Brown-breasted Gerygone (E)	<i>Gerygone ruficollis</i>	A few at both high-elevation sites visited.

PSEUDO-BABBLERS (Pomatostomidae)

Papuan Babbler (E)	<i>Pomatostomus isidorei</i>	Great looks, along the Malagufuk boardwalk.
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QUAIL-THRUSHES AND JEWEL-BABBLERS (Cinclosomatidae)

Spotted Jewel-babbler (E)	<i>Ptilorrhoa leucosticta</i>	Heard in the Arfaks.
Blue Jewel-babbler (E)	<i>Ptilorrhoa caerulescens</i>	Very brief views, in the forest above Alex's place, Nimbokrang.

CUCKOOSHRIKES (Campephagidae)

Barred Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina lineata</i>	Seen well on our final morning on Waigeo.
Boyer's Cuckooshrike (E)	<i>Coracina boyeri</i>	Great looks at a few from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Above our accommodation in Nimbokrang, again in the Mangroves near Sorong.
Golden Cuckooshrike (E)	<i>Campochaera sloetii</i>	One sighting, at the start of the Malagufuk boardwalk.
Black-browed Triller (E)	<i>Lalage a. atrovirens</i>	Several, throughout the lowlands.
Black-browed (Biak) Triller (E)	<i>Lalage atrovirens leucoptera</i>	Several on Biak.
Black-bellied Cicadabird (E)	<i>Edolisoma montanum</i>	Two sightings in the Arfaks.
Papuan (Black-shouldered) Cicadabird (E)	<i>Edolisoma incertum</i>	Best views were had in the Arfak foothills, on our final afternoon there.
Common Cicadabird (Geelvink) (E)	<i>Edolisoma tenuirostre meyerii</i>	A couple of pairs on Biak.
Gray-headed Cicadabird (E)	<i>Edolisoma schisticeps</i>	A pair seen well from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Black Cicadabird (E)	<i>Edolisoma melas</i>	A pair seen well from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.

AUSTRALO-PAPUAN BELLBIRDS (Oreicidae)

Rufous-naped Bellbird (E)	<i>Aleadryas rufinucha</i>	A few sightings along the Pass Valley road, a couple more above Syoubri in the Arfaks.
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TIT BERRYPECKER AND CRESTED BERRYPECKER (Paramythiidae)

Tit Berrypecker (E)	<i>Oreocharis arfaki</i>	One sighting above Syoubri, Arfaks.
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WHISTLERS AND ALLIES (Pachycephalidae)

Rusty Pitohui (E)	<i>Pseudorectes ferrugineus</i>	Two brief encounters on Waigeo.
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Waigeo Shrikethrush (E)	<i>Colluricincla affinis</i>	A couple of good looks during our time on Waigeo
Mamberamo Shrikethrush (E)	<i>Colluricincla obscura</i>	Heard in the Nimbokrang area.
Arafura Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>	Good looks at one, along the Malagufuk boardwalk, others heard and glimpsed there.
Black Pitohui (E)	<i>Melanorectes nigrescens</i>	One sighting above Syoubri Village, in the Arfaks.
Regent Whistler (E)	<i>Pachycephala schlegelii</i>	A pair seen attending a nest, at the start of a trail in the Arfaks.
Vogelkop Whistler (E)	<i>Pachycephala meyeri</i>	At least one sighting in the Arfaks, just behind our accommodation.
Sclater's Whistler (E)	<i>Pachycephala soror</i>	One sighting in the Arfaks.
Baliem (Golden) Whistler (E)	<i>Pachycephala balim</i>	Several.
Lorentz's Whistler (E)	<i>Pachycephala lorentzi</i>	Daily sightings along the Pass valley road.
Island Whistler	<i>Pachycephala phaionota</i>	A few on Merpati Island.
Biak Whistler (E)	<i>Pachycephala melanorhyncha</i>	Two, during the same morning walk, on Biak.
Gray (Gray-headed) Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex</i>	One sighting at the lookout above Alex's place, Nimbokrang.

OLD WORLD ORIOLES (Oriolidae)

Hooded Pitohui (E)	<i>Pitohui dichrous</i>	A couple of sightings from the Flame Bowerbird lookout, Arfaks.
Raja Ampat Pitohui (E)	<i>Pitohui cerviniventris</i>	Several, Waigeo.
Northern Variable Pitohui (E)	<i>Pitohui kirhocephalus</i>	Several in the Arfak foothills.
Brown Oriole (E)	<i>Oriolus szalayi</i>	A few on Waigeo.

BOATBILLS (Machaerirhynchidae)

Black-breasted Boatbill (E)	<i>Machaerirhynchus nigripectus</i>	A pair seen from the Pass Valley road, another pair seen above Syoubri in the Arfaks.
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer</i>	One sighting along the Malagufuk boardwalk.

WOODSWALLOWS, BELLMAGPIES, AND ALLIES (Artamidae)

White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	A handful on Waigeo, seen on three days.
Mountain Peltops (E)	<i>Peltops montanus</i>	One sighting, for some of the group, in the Arfaks.
Lowland Peltops (E)	<i>Peltops blainvillii</i>	One sighting from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang, another on our final morning on Waigeo.
Hooded Butcherbird (E)	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>	A few on Waigeo and Biak.

Black Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus quoyi</i>	One, during our final morning on Waigeo.
MOTTLED BERRYHUNTER (Rhagologidae)		
Mottled Berryhunter (E)	<i>Rhagologus leucostigma</i>	Two sightings in the Arfaks; one along a trail above Syoubri Village, another along the trail to the no-show Sooty Owl.
FANTAILS (Rhipiduridae)		
Drongo Fantail (Pygmy Drongo) (E)	<i>Chaetorhynchus papuensis</i>	A few sightings in the Arfaks, mostly of birds attending mixed-species flocks.
Black Fantail (E)	<i>Rhipidura atra</i>	Several, at both highland sites visited.
Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>	A few in the Arfaks.
Northern Fantail (Biak) (E)	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris kordensis</i>	At least three on Biak, all on the same morning.
Sooty Thicket-Fantail (E)	<i>Rhipidura threnothorax</i>	One sighting, along the Malagufuk boardwalk.
White-bellied Thicket-Fantail (E)	<i>Rhipidura leucothorax</i>	Several heard, one seen along a trail at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Willie-wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	
Rufous-backed Fantail (E)	<i>Rhipidura rufidorsa</i>	One sighting, along a trail at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Dimorphic Fantail (E)	<i>Rhipidura brachyrhyncha</i>	Both morphs seen well along the Pass Valley road.
Arafura Fantail	<i>Rhipidura dryas</i>	Several on Merpati Island.
Friendly Fantail (E)	<i>Rhipidura albolimbata</i>	Several, at both highland sites visited.
DRONGOS (Dicruridae)		
Spangled Drongo (Papuan)	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus carbonarius</i>	Biak, Nimbokrang and Waigeo.
BIRDS-OF-PARADISE (Paradisaeidae)		
Crinkle-collared Manucode (E)	<i>Manucodia chalybatus</i>	One seen from a hide in the Arfaks.
Jobi Manucode (E)	<i>Manucodia jobiensis</i>	One seen from the tower at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Glossy-mantled Manucode (E)	<i>Manucodia ater</i>	Several.
Western Parotia (E)	<i>Parotia sefilata</i>	Several in the Arfaks, some from hides.
Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise (E)	<i>Seleucidis melanoleucus</i>	The first BoP we saw in display; on our first morning in Nimbokrang.
Black-billed Sickbill (E)	<i>Drepanornis albertisi</i>	Eventually seen by all, from a hide overlooking some fruit, in the Arfaks.
Pale-billed Sickbill (E)	<i>Drepanornis bruijnii</i>	Heard along Jalan Korea.
Vogelkop Lophorina (Superb B.o.P.) (E)	<i>Lophorina niedda</i>	A few sightings, of both males and females,

Greater Lophorina (Superb B.o.P.) (E)	<i>Lophorina superba</i>	some from hides, in the Arfaks. A couple of males and females seen, perched in tall trees, in the Baliem Valley. Eventually seen, along the Malagufuk boardwalk, several heard prior. A female seen coming to fruit on several occasions, from a hide in the Arfaks. Heard from the Pass Valley road.
Magnificent Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris magnificus</i>	
Black Sickiebill (E)	<i>Epimachus fastosus</i>	
Brown Sickiebill (E)	<i>Epimachus meyeri</i>	
Short-tailed Paradigalla (E)	<i>Paradigalla brevicauda</i>	Great looks at one, from the Pass Valley road.
Splendid Astrapia (E)	<i>Astrapia splendidissima</i>	Two lengthy encounters, at the same spot on the Pass Valley road. Fantastic encounter with a displaying male, Alex's place, Nimbokrang. Males and females seen from hides on Waigeo.
King Bird-of-Paradise (E)	<i>Cicinnurus regius</i>	
Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise (E)	<i>Cicinnurus respublica</i>	
Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise (E)	<i>Cicinnurus magnificus</i>	Males and females seen from hides in the Arfaks. Watched from beneath, at length, from atop a hill on Waigeo. Watched from a hide at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.
Red Bird-of-Paradise (E)	<i>Paradisaea rubra</i>	
Lesser Bird-of-Paradise (E)	<i>Paradisaea minor</i>	

MONARCH FLYCATCHERS (Monarchidae)

Golden Monarch (E)	<i>Carterornis chrysomela</i>	Nimbokrang, Arfak foothills and Waigeo.
(Biak) Golden Monarch (E)	<i>Carterornis chrysomela kordensis</i>	Seen on three days during our time on Biak.
Black-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha frater</i>	Two seen in the Arfaks, not by all in the group.
Fan-tailed Monarch (E)	<i>Symposiachrus axillaris</i>	One sighting in the Arfaks.
Biak Monarch (E)	<i>Symposiachrus brehmii</i>	One sighting of two.
Hooded Monarch (E)	<i>Symposiachrus manadensis</i>	One sighting, and only for some, near the Lesser BoP hide, Alex's place, Nimbokrang. Great looks at a pair, from the Malagufuk boardwalk. Great looks at a group of three, in the Arfak foothills. A few.
Spot-winged Monarch (E)	<i>Symposiachrus guttula</i>	
Friiled Monarch (E)	<i>Arses telescopthalmus</i>	
Biak Flycatcher (E)	<i>Myiagra atra</i>	
Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>	

MELAMPITTAS (Melampittidae)

Lesser Melampitta (E)	<i>Melampitta lugubris</i>	One sighting, along a trail in the Arfaks, right after our second sighting of Mottled Berryhunter.
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CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES (Corvidae)

Brown-headed Crow (E)	<i>Corvus fuscicapillus</i>	One sighting on Waigeo, soon after we arrived.
Gray Crow (E)	<i>Corvus tristis</i>	Seen on a handful of days.
Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	

SATINBIRDS (Cnemophilidae)

Loria's Satinbird (E)	<i>Cnemophilus loriae</i>	A very luck sighting along the Pass valley road.
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BERRYPECKERS AND LONGBILLS (Melanocharitidae)

Mid-mountain Berrypecker (E)	<i>Melanocharis longicauda</i>	A few females along Pass Valley road.
Fan-tailed Berrypecker (E)	<i>Melanocharis versteri</i>	A few along the Pass Valley road, a couple in the Arfaks.
Spotted Berrypecker (Thick-billed) (E)	<i>Melanocharis c. crassirostris</i>	One sighting along the trail above Syoubri Village, Arfaks.
Yellow-bellied Longbill (E)	<i>Toxorhamphus novaeguineae</i>	Seen on three days, for some only on Waigeo.
Spectacled Longbill (E)	<i>Oedistoma iliolophus</i>	First seen along a trail at Alex's place, Nimbokrang.

AUSTRALASIAN ROBINS (Petroicidae)

Lesser Ground-Robin (E)	<i>Amalocichla incerta</i>	Heard at both highland sites, seen along the Sooty Owl trail in the Arfaks.
Olive Flyrobin (Flyrobin) (E)	<i>Microeca flavovirescens</i>	Great looks at one, along the Malagufuk boardwalk.
Papuan Flycatcher (Canary Flyrobin) (E)	<i>Microeca papuana</i>	A few sightings along, and near, the Pass Valley road.
Garnet Robin (E)	<i>Eugerygone rubra</i>	Seen by only a few, on one occasion, from the Pass Valley road.
White-faced Robin	<i>Tregellasia leucops</i>	Seen once, by some, in the Arfaks.
Black-sided Robin (E)	<i>Poecilodryas hypoleuca</i>	Great looks at one, from the Malagufuk boardwalk.
White-winged Robin (E)	<i>Peneothello sigillata</i>	Seen by a few, along the Pass Valley road.
Blue-gray Robin (E)	<i>Peneothello cyanus</i>	Several, at both highland sites.
Green-backed Robin (E)	<i>Pachycephalopsis hattamensis</i>	Daily sighting in the Arfaks, mostly from hides.

CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES (Cisticolidae)

Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	Common in the grasslands near Sentani.
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SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae)

Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	
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BULBULS (Pycnonotidae)

Sooty-headed Bulbul (I) *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

LEAF WARBLERS (Phylloscopidae)

Island Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus poliocephalus*

Heard several times, looked at during a walk above Syoubri in the Arfaks.

WHITE-EYES, YUHINAS, AND ALLIES (Zosteropidae)

Lemon-bellied White-eye *Zosterops chloris*

Half a dozen on Merpati Island.

Black-fronted White-eye (E) *Zosterops minor*

A few in the Arfaks.

Capped White-eye (E) *Zosterops fuscicapilla*

Several, in the Baliem Valley and in the Arfaks.

Biak White-eye (E) *Zosterops mysorensis*

A wonderful encounter with a small flock, on our first morning on Biak.

New Guinea White-eye (E) *Zosterops novaeguineae*

One sighting in the Arfaks.

STARLINGS (Sturnidae)

Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica*

Several; first on Biak.

Long-tailed Starling (E) *Aplonis magna*

Several on Biak.

Singing Starling *Aplonis cantoroides*

A handful at the Waigeo ferry terminal.

Moluccan Starling *Aplonis mysolensis*

Several on Merpati Island.

Yellow-faced Myna (E) *Mino dumontii*

Three sightings; one in Nimbokrang, two on Waigeo.

Golden Myna (E) *Mino anais*

A few at the Malgufuk boardwalk.

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS (Muscicapidae)

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*

A few in the Baliem Valley.

FLOWERPECKERS (Dicaeidae)

Olive-crowned Flowerpecker (E) *Dicaeum pectorale*

Red-capped Flowerpecker (E) *Dicaeum geelvinkianum*

SUNBIRDS AND SPIDERHUNTERS (Nectariniidae)

Black Sunbird *Leptocoma aspasia*

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

WAXBILLS AND ALLIES (Estrildidae)

Mountain Firetail (E)	<i>Oreostruthus fuliginosus</i>	One sighting, near the upper camp along the Pass Valley road.
Crimson Finch	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>	In the grasslands near Sentani.
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	In the mangroves near Sorong.
Grand Munia (E)	<i>Lonchura grandis</i>	In the grasslands near Sentani.
Black-breasted Munia (E)	<i>Lonchura teerinki</i>	In scrub and grasslands in the Baliem Valley and along the Pass Valley road.
Grey-banded Munia (E)	<i>Lonchura vana</i>	Near Anggi Lake, Arfaks.
Hooded Munia (E)	<i>Lonchura spectabilis</i>	In the grasslands near Sentani.
Blue-faced Parrotfinch	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>	One sighting, near the road, above our accommodation in the Arfaks.

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (I) *Passer montanus*

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS (Motacillidae)

Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	One sighting, at the Flame Bowerbird lookout, Arfaks.
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