Papua New Guinea
Highlights
4th to 13th September 2018 (10 days)
Trip Report

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Top ten birds as voted for by participants:

1. Raggiana Bird-of-paradise
2. Ribbon-tailed Astrapia
3. Crested Satinbird
4. Blue Bird-of-paradise
5. King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise
6. Brown Sicklebill
7. Superb Bird-of-paradise
8. Orange-crowned Fairywren
9. Blue-capped Ifrit
10. Doria’s Goshawk

Tour Summary

Our Papua New Guinea Highlights adventure started with an afternoon visit to the Pacific Adventist University (PAU), a pleasant university complex at the edge of the capital, Port Moresby. The campus is a great introduction to the open woodland avifauna, and the various ponds are a true magnet to water birds. One of the first birds that we got to see was a Yellow-tinted Honeyeater! A neat Sacred Kingfisher was perched in the same tree a few feet away from the honeyeater, and both were scoped for a prolonged time. A great start! In general, the bird activity was really good and we saw many new and exciting species in a short time frame. The Fawn-breasted Bowerbird, one of our main targets here, was found very quickly, and we watched a bird collecting twigs for its bower. Other species that we watched here included a couple of beautiful Bar-shouldered Doves, noisy New Guinea Friarbirds, Grey Shrike-thrush, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Australasian Figbirds and a pair of Masked Lapwings at close range. The ubiquitous Willy Wagtails were literally all over the campus. We continued birding the nearby freshwater lily ponds, which were packed with birdlife: Pacific Black Duck, Wandering Whistling Duck, Grey Teal, Little Black and Little Pied Cormorants, Comb-crested Jacana, Australasian Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Pied Heron, Intermediate Egret and an adult Nankeen Night Heron were among the species that we got to see well at the ponds. A Papuan Frogmouth on its nest was a great find by our local guide, and later on we found more of these spectacular night birds in another tree. Another highlight included both Orange-bellied and Orange-fronted Fruit Doves. The latter was seen nicely at close range. A stunning male Red-cheeked Parrot posed beautifully in the scope. At another freshwater pond, we located a flock of Plumed Whistling Ducks, a species that we had missed at the previous set of ponds. A single Singing Starling was picked out of a flock of Metallic Starlings at a stake-out. Next, we visited an active bower of Fawn-breasted Bowerbird: Mr Bowerbird had been busy, as the distinct structure was neatly maintained and beautifully decorated with green berries! A cherry on top was a superb Forest Kingfisher perched at eye-level next to the bus: an excellent find by our bus driver, Kelly!

Today we had an early start in Varirata National Park, a fantastic birding site in the tropical foothills above the capital. The Raggiana Bird-of-paradise was our top priority, and we went directly to a known display site where males typically gather in the early morning. It was noisy at arrival, which was a good sign. Very soon, we got a couple of males in our sight: what truly spectacular birds, the morning sunlight made their elaborate tails glow deep red! The crazy, testosterone-ridden males were displaying at regular...
intervals: it was a mind-blowing experience, and without a doubt already one of the top highlights of the entire tour! It was very difficult to leave the display site, as the males continued showing off; but, after some prime quality time with our first “BOP” (bird-of-paradise), we decided to move on to look for more goodies. At the viewpoint over the city, we scoped a good set of quality species, including Papuan (Blyth’s) Hornbill, Hooded Butcherbird, White-crowned Cuckoo and Yellow-billed Kingfisher!

At the start of the trail, we watched a Barred Owlet-Nightjar sticking its head out of a day-roost cavity. Birding along the forest trail was challenging but exciting. Elusive species like Painted Quail-Thrush were heard but they proved impossible to see. A fruiting tree was productive and attracted various species, including stunning fruit doves like Pink-spotted, Beautiful, Superb, Orange-bellied and Dwarf! Zoe’s Imperial Pigeon also showed nicely. Other species coming to the fruiting tree included Streak-headed and Tawny-breasted Honeyeaters, various Meliphaga, New Guinea Friarbird and Glossy-mantled Manucode. The loud and distinct call of Growling Riflebird was commonly heard, but a male was only briefly observed. Further along the trail, we ran into a nice mixed-species flock with Chestnut-bellied Fantail, Spot-winged and Frilled Monarchs, Yellow-bellied Gerygone, Spangled Drongo, Grey Whistler and Little Shrikethrush, among others. Yellow-breasted Boatbill remained heard-only. A stunning Stout-billed Cuckooshrike perched in the subcanopy and showed really well! Another highlight was a male Superb Fruit Dove perched and scoped for a prolonged time. After a nice field lunch, we birded another forest trail. A fantastic Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher was our main prize here. Another exciting mixed-flock produced good birds, including Rusty and Hooded Pitohuis, Yellow-bellied and Fairy Gerygons, Black-faced, Spot-winged and Frilled Monarchs, Grey Whistler and Black Berryecker. Back at the open lunch spot, we got Boyer’s and White-bellied Cuckooshrikes, Red-cheeked Parrot, Red-capped Flowerpecker, Brown Oriole and an obliging Pacific Baza! In the afternoon, we continued to forest edge habitat dominated by Eucalyptus trees. On arrival we got to see Agile Wallaby, a scarce and shy mammal. Great birds that we watched here included White-bellied Whistler, Lemon-bellied Flyrobin, Blue-winged Kookaburra, White-throated Honeyeater, Papuan Black Myzomela and a Barking Owl with prey: what a bird-packed day!

The following morning, we took a flight to the city of Mount Hagen in the Western Highlands province. We were about halfway when the captain said he was going to turn back to Port Moresby. Apparently, there was civil
unrest ongoing at Mount Hagen airport and we had no authorisation to land. A very unfortunate communication, but not that unusual for Papua New Guinea and, of course, safety is always first priority! Our rescheduled afternoon flight was also cancelled so, very unfortunately, our travel day turned into a lost day with lots of waiting and no birding. Luckily, our flight for the following morning was confirmed. The dispute at the airport (apparently a minor one) was resolved and everything was back to normal according to the authorities.

After landing in Mount Hagen the next day, we went for two cultural excursions first, which were really nice. First, we visited the Huli Wigmen who performed a traditional dance for us. Their elaborate wigs were really impressive but also painful to see (especially us being birders) as the wigs were made out of feathers of Superb, Raggiana and King of Saxony Birds-of-paradise! Our second visit was to the Asaro Mudmen: through a short historical play, we learnt how the clan managed to scare off rival tribes from their land by dressing up with white body paint and wearing scary, almost alien-like mud masks. We arrived for lunch at Rondon Ridge, an amazing lodge in the mountains above the city of Mount Hagen. Some of us got a brief view of Hooded Pittouhi while watching the play! In the late afternoon, we birded near and around the lodge. Garden birds included Mountain and Red-collared Myzomela, Hooded Mannikin, Mountain Swiftlet, White-shouldered Fairywren and Pied Bush Chat. The nearby forest edge was exciting, with our first Superb Bird-of-paradise, Princess Stephanie's Astrapia, Yellow-browed and Ornate Melidectes, Amboyna and Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Doves, Brown-breasted Gerygone, Papuan White-eye and Black-throated Robin.

We started at a ripe fruiting Schefflera tree behind the lodge early the next morning. Our local guide had seen good “BOPs” visiting the fruits during the previous days, so it was worth a check. Both female Superb Bird-of-paradise and Princess Stephanie's Astrapia showed up at the fruits and were put in the scope. Higher up at the owner’s house, we got to see many lorikeets in the trees, including Papuan, Yellow-billed and Goldie's. Viewing conditions were tough, though, with fog and backlit birds in the canopy. However, a stunning Short-tailed Paradigalla showed itself fantastically: we watched the bird for a prolonged time in the scope, as it was eating some kind of leaves or flowers. The rare and elusive Mottled Berryhunter called back in response to our tape playback. Two birds, presumably a pair, were calling in the forest at very close-range, but we were unable to see them in the
dense foliage. Eventually, the pair crossed in front of us, allowing us to have swift naked-eye views, but seemingly the birds lost their interest in our tape quickly. This sought-after species was recently placed in its own monotypic family but, unfortunately, it is typically hard to find, let alone see well! When the rain picked up again, we continued our hike up the hill to a forest clearing which was our key birding site for the morning. On the way up we saw very few birds, but a neat Black-breasted Boatbill was certainly a nice catch. When we arrived at the clearing the bird activity was fairly slow; but once the weather improved a little, good birds started to show up. A splendid adult male King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise was the superstar, but a male Princess Stephanie's Astrapia was also part of the show. A family flock of Orange-crowned Fairywren that moved through the dense bamboo was certainly a rare sighting, and memorable with multiple birds showing well. Other birds that we got to see at the clearing included Glossy Swiftlet, Black and Friendly Fantails, Plum-faced Lorikeet and Buff-faced Scrubwren. Also new were Black-throated and Rufous-backed Honeyeaters. Common Smoky Honeyeater and Yellow-browed Melidectes were conspicuous. Wattled Ploughbill and Lesser Melampitta remained heard-only and did not seem to show any interest to tape. Rain got more intense during the course of the afternoon, so it was decided to call off the afternoon plans. However, in the late afternoon, some went back to check the fruiting Schefflera tree and got rewarded big time: MacGregor's Bowerbird and a stunning female Blue Bird-of-paradise!

The next morning, some of us were standing ready at the Schefflera tree at the crack of dawn. A stunning male Superb Bird-of-paradise showed up, and a little later the much hoped-for female Blue Bird-of-paradise popped up – a fantastic catch-up! After breakfast, the whole group joined and everybody got on the amazing Blue Bird-of-paradise, a vulnerable species, which was perched in the tree right behind the lodge. Most of us continued to the forest, but some stayed for a so-called “big sit” and enjoyed all the BOPs coming to the Schefflera, including multiple Princess Stephanie's Astrapia! The weather was rather disappointing and the birding in the forest was tough, but some got a brief view of Black Pittohui, a rare species. The lorikeets were still around, and most of us improved our views of Papuan and Yellow-billed Lorikeets from the previous day. The Short-tailed Paradigalla, presumably the same individual, showed up again briefly, a great bird. After a longish wait under a roof, we were eventually rewarded with a superb flock of Hooded Cuckoo-shrikes showing well in the scope! Mountain Kingfisher remained heard-only, and some lucky observers got a secretive Slaty Robin just before lunch. In the
afternoon, we were transferred to the famous Kumul Lodge in the highlands further up north. The magnificent (and a couple of metres long!) fruit table was a very welcome surprise at Kumul. Birds visiting the fruit table included the stunning Ribbon-tailed Astrapia and cracking Brown Sicklebill, both were almost within touching distance. PNG highland birding at its finest! Other species that regularly came to the fruit feeder included Belford's Melidectes, Common Smoky Honeyeater, Island Thrush and Brehm's Tiger Parrot. After checking into our rooms, some got to see White-winged Robin, Regent Whistler, Mountain Mouse Warbler and a female Crested Satinbird. Most of us also got stunning views of Blue-capped Ifrit and Crested Berryecker, two new families showing right next to the cabins! After dinner, in the late evening hours some of us got to see Mountain Owlet-Nightjar, a special treat.

Today we made an early start to Kama village north of the Lai River. Lesser Bird-of-paradise was our principal target for the morning, and we visited a small private farm. The landowners have been protecting the display site of a single male for years, and thanks to eco-tourism they have been encouraged to do so (feathers of this bird are also in high demand for traditional costumes). Upon arrival, we could already hear the noisy male calling. Fairly soon, we got the bird in sight but he never perched fully in the open. Scope views were reasonable, but we waited in the hope that the male would show us some more action. After waiting for a while, he suddenly flew off. The stunning and elaborately long-tailed bird flew by and perched in a tall tree nearby. Views of the Lesser Bird-of-paradise from there were great but brief: what a spectacular creature! The birding at the farm was productive, and while we waited we got plenty more goodies, including Black-headed Whistler, Ornate Melidectes, Long-tailed Shrike, Mountain Honeyeater, Mountain Myzomela, Papuan White-eye, Pied Bush Chat and a very obliging Brush Cuckoo. A Yellow-breasted Bowerbird posing in a tree was certainly a good catch. Another highlight was a female Magnificent Bird-of-paradise that foraged in a nearby fruiting tree for a prolonged period!

After a successful “big sit”, we returned to the bus where we were greeted by the locals that were hoping to sell us their traditionally handmade bilum bags. A few hundred colourul bilum bags were available to us at this temporary market, and some of the villagers got lucky with some sales: always nice to get some souvenirs! A quick stop at a small rocky stream produced great scope views of Torrent Flyrobin and Brown Goshawk. Papuan Grassbird was calling from the grassy slopes, but the only birds that we got to see in the grass were White-shouldered
Fairywrens. Luckily, further down the road near the Lai River a Papuan Grassbird turned out to be more cooperative and showed well in the scope. Back at Kumul Lodge it was raining heavily, but the bird action at the fruit table was pumping nevertheless! Blue-capped Ifrit and a female Crested Satinbird were seen again by some, and a stunning Mountain Firetail was a nice addition to the garden list! In the afternoon, we visited a nearby site known as Murmura Pass. The owner of the property had made a trail to a forest clearing from where we were able to view a good number of quality species from a vantage point with benches. The birding here was excellent, even though it was still raining on-and-off. At arrival, some got to see a couple of Black-bellied Cuckooshrikes before the birds flew off. A male King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise was certainly a superb find and a nice catch-up for some in the group. Other highlights that we got to see really well included Ashy Robin, Loria’s Satinbird, Dimorphic Fantail and Blue-faced Parrotfinch. Back at Kumul, some of us tried for New Guinea Woodcock at dusk and flushed one from the trail!

The following morning, we drove to a few fruiting trees along the road in the hope to see a male Magnificent Bird-of-paradise. The male was calling frequently but did not show up until late morning, just as we had decided to leave the site! Some got lucky with brief views of the bird, but most of us were too late. However, a stunning male Superb Bird-of-paradise had been displaying its bright blue gorget for most of the time, which was a very nice consolation! A female Magnificent Bird-of-paradise did show up in the fruiting tree, and Ricki spotted a female Blue Bird-of-paradise that was also briefly seen. Other birds that we got to see at this roadside spot included Marbled Honeyeater, Ornate Melidectes and a confiding Brahminy Kite perched in a tree. Back at Kumul, a cracking male Crested Satinbird showed up just before lunch: what an absolute stunner! Everybody got on the male in time and the views that we got of this ridiculously bright-orange bird were just outstanding! The much duller female also showed up in the same tree, and was noticeably less shy compared to the vivid male. Rufous-naped Whistler (or Bellbird) was one of the sought-after garden birds that we also finally got to deal with. The bird was hopping on the path to the cabins and showed really well. Brehm’s Tiger Parrot and Blue-capped Ifrit were also enjoyed on the lodge grounds apart from the rather aggressive Ribbon-tailed Astrapias, which were frequently chasing off other birds at the feeder. In the afternoon, we returned to Murmura Pass in the hope for drier weather. A female Loria’s Satinbird showed well here, and the scarce Ashy Robin was also back at the clearing.
Black-bellied Cuckooshrike was a nice catch-up for some of us. Orange-billed and Plum-faced Lorikeets were scoped in a nearby fruiting tree where a possible Tit Berripecker was glimpsed. There were plenty of Rufous-backed Honeyeaters around, but we also got to see Fan-tailed Berripecker, Regent Whistler, Brown-backed Gerygone and Black-breasted Boatabill, among others. A male King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise was posing again in the trees in front of us, but this time a superb male Brown Sicklebill stole the show! Canary Flyrobin was a very welcome and last-minute addition to the list just before we left the lookout. A shy and elusive Lesser Melampitta was taped in and swiftly crossed the trail in front of us.

At breakfast, we had a quick and final look at all the gems at the fruit table of Kumul before we departed to Mount Hagen for our return flight. Scopes were on standby at the window of the departure gate overlooking the runway, and both Australian Pipit and Papuan Harrier were added to the list! After arrival at Raintree in Port Moresby, we had an excursion to the Brown River area north of town. It was a longish drive, but the new birds were certainly worth it! Back in the land of New Guinea Friarbirds, Eclectus Parrots and plenty of Oriental Dollarbirds, we were able to find several new and exciting species along the road. A couple of Chestnut-breasted Mannikins that we picked out of a flock of Grey-headed Mannikins was a good start. Whistling Kites showed well and we also got quite a few Pacific Bazas. Other species that we enjoyed along the roadside included Olive-backed Sunbird, Yellow-faced Myna, White-breasted Woodswallow and a cooperative Black-faced Monarch. We upgraded our views of Grey Crow, a species that we only saw briefly at Varirata previously. We went into the bush for a responsive Common Paradise Kingfisher, and some got a brief view of a tricky individual. The distinct call of the Hooded Pitta was heard from the road. We saw quite a few pigeons and doves, including Torresian, Zoe’s and Pinon Imperial Pigeons, and a smart Orange-bellied Fruit Dove. A Pacific Emerald Dove flew across the road in front of us. Without a doubt, the ultimate highlight of the day was a perched raptor discovered by John: after a quick consultation of literature on-hand, we were able to confirm it was a Doria’s Goshawk, a rare and elusive raptor endemic to New Guinea – the icing on the cake of a superb highlights tour of Papua New Guinea!
Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

Birds (212 in total: 200 seen, 12 heard)


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

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

### Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Dendrocygna eytoni

**Plumed Whistling Duck**

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

Fairly common at PAU.

**Wandering Whistling Duck**

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

Common at PAU.

**Pacific Black Duck**

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

Common at PAU.

**Grey Teal**

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

Small numbers at PAU.

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### Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Threskiornis molucca molucca

**Australian White Ibis**

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

A few singletons were seen.

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### Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Nycticorax caledonicus australasiae

**Nankeen Night Heron**

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

Adult at PAU.

**Eastern Cattle Egret**

Bubulcus coromandus

(3) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Port Moresby 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Common and widespread.

**Great Egret**

Ardea alba modesta

(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Common.

**Intermediate Egret**

Ardea intermedia plumifera

(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Fairly common in small numbers.

**Pied Heron**

Egretta picata

(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.

Small numbers showing well at PAU.
Little Egret
(1) Brown River 12.9.

Egretta garzetta nigripes

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Little Pied Cormorant
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Few singletons were observed.

Microcarbo melanoleucus melanoleucus

Little Black Cormorant
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.
Common at PAU.

Phalacrocorax sulphurostris

Anhingas Anhingidae

Australasian Darter
(1) Brown River 12.9.
A few were observed along the road.

Anhinga novaehollandiae papua

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite
(1) Mount Hagen 7.9.
Single bird en route.

Elanus caeruleus hypoleucus

Pacific Baza
(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Attractive raptor seen well at two sites.

Aviceda subcristata megala

Doria's Goshawk (NT)
(1) Brown River 12.9.
Rare. Seen really well and photographed.

Megatriorchis doriae

Variable Goshawk
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
In flight.

Accipiter hiogaster leucosomus

Brown Goshawk
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
Perched in the scope.

Accipiter fasciatus polycryptus

Papuan Harrier
(1) 2 Mount Hagen airport 12.9.
At least two birds present at the airstrip.

Circus spilothorax

Black Kite
(6) Port Moresby 5.9, Mount Hagen 7.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9, Mount Hagen 9.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9, Kumul Lodge 11.9, Mount Hagen airport 12.9 and Port Moresby 12.9.
Common and widespread.

Milvus migrans affinis

Whistling Kite
(1) Brown River 12.9.
A couple along the road in the area.

Haliastur sphenurus

Brahminy Kite
(5) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9, Anji-walya 11.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Fairly common and widespread.

Haliastur indus girrenera
Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae

**Forbes's Forest Rail**
*Rallicula forbesi forbesi*
(1) I heard Murmura pass 11.9.
Heard along the entry trail.

**Australasian Swamphen**
*Porphyrio melanotus melanoterus*
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Common at PAU.

**Dusky Moorhen**
*Gallinula tenebrosa neumanni*
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.
Common at PAU.

**Eurasian Coot**
*Fulica atra novaeguineae*
(1) Brown River 12.9.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae

**Masked Lapwing**
*Vanellus miles miles*
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Port Moresby 5.9.
Common at PAU.

Jacanas Jacanidae

**Comb-crested Jacana**
*Irediparra gallinacea*
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Common at the lily ponds at PAU.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

**New Guinea Woodcock**
*Scolopax rosenbergii*
(1) Kumul Lodge 10.9.
Flushed from the trail at dusk.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

**Rock Dove**
*Columba livia var. domestica*
(1) Port Moresby 12.9.

**Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove**
*Macropygia amboinensis cinereiceps*
(5) Varirata NP 5.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Fairly common and widespread.

**Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove**
*Macropygia nigrirostris*
(3) Up to 1 Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9.
Great views of various individuals.

**Pacific Emerald Dove**
*Chalcophas longirostris rogersi*
(1) Brown River 12.9.
A quick flyby.

**Peaceful Dove**
*Geopelia placida placida*
(2) I heard Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Varirata NP 5.9.
Fairly common and widespread in the lowlands.
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White-crowned Cuckoo  
*Cacomantis leucolophus*

(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
A single adult was seen well.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo  
*Cacomantis flavelliformis excitus*

(1) 1 heard Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.

Brush Cuckoo  
*Cacomantis variolosus infaustus*

(2) 1 heard Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, Mount Hagen 7.9 and Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
A few birds were seen well.

Barking Owl  
*Ninox connivens assimilis*

(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
Great views of a bird during the daytime.

**Owls Strigidae**

Papuan Frogmouth  
*Podargus papuensis*

(2) 2 Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Various on day-roost and nest.

**Frogmouths Podargidae**

Mountain Owlet-Nightjar  
*Aegotheles albertisi*

(1) Kumul Lodge 9.9.
A single adult showed well at close range after dusk.

Barred Owlet-Nightjar  
*Aegotheles bennettii bennettii*

(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
At cavity during the daytime.

**Owlet-Nightjars Aegothelidae**

Swifts Apodidae  
*Collocalia esculenta erwini*

(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Kumul Lodge 10.9, Kumul Lodge 11.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.
Fairly common in the highland forests.

Mountain Swiftlet  
*Aerodramus hirundinaceus hirundinaceus*

(4) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Kumul Lodge 9.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Murmura pass 10.9.
Fairly common in the highlands.

Uniform Swiftlet  
*Aerodramus vanikorensis yorki*

(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Fairly common in the lowlands.

**Swifts Apodidae**

Rollers Coraciidae  
*Eurystomus orientalis waigiuenss*

(3) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Common and widespread in the lowlands.
Kingfishers *Alcedinidae*

**Common Paradise Kingfisher**  
*Tanysiptera galatea minor*  
(1) Brown River 12.9.  
A single bird was very briefly observed.

**Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher**  
*Tanysiptera danae*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Excellent views of a bird inside the forest.

**Blue-winged Kookaburra**  
*Dacelo leachii intermedia*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Nice scope views of this large kingfisher.

**Rufous-bellied Kookaburra**  
*Dacelo gaudichaud*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Showing well.

**Forest Kingfisher**  
*Todiramphus macleayii incinctus*  
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Seen nicely at two sites.

**Sacred Kingfisher**  
*Todiramphus sanctus sanctus*  
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.  
A couple of birds at the campus.

**Yellow-billed Kingfisher**  
*Syma torotoro torotoro*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
A single bird was scoped nicely.

**Mountain Kingfisher**  
*Syma megarhyncha megarhyncha*  
(1) 1 heard Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.

**Azure Kingfisher**  
*Ceyx azureus lessonii*  
(1) 1 heard Varirata NP 5.9.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

**Rainbow Bee-eater**  
*Merops ornatus*  
(4) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Fairly common and widespread.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

**Blyth's Hornbill**  
*Rhyticeros plicatus*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
A couple of adults were scoped nicely from the viewpoint.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

**Brown Falcon**  
*Falco berigora novaeguineae*  
(1) Mount Hagen 9.9.  
A single bird on an exposed perch.
Cockatoos *Cacatuidae*

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

(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Seen at two sites.

**Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***

**Papuan King Parrot**
*Alisterus chloropterus chloropterus*

(1) Varirata NP 5.9.

Brief views in the forest.

**Eclectus Parrot**
*Eclectus roratus polychloros*

(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Fairly common and widespread in the lowlands.

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

(3) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Seen well at various sites.

**Brehm's Tiger Parrot**
*Psittacella brehmi pallida*

(3) Up to 4 Kumul Lodge 9-11.9.

Fairly common at the fruit feeder.

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

(1) 1 heard Murmura pass 11.9.

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

(2) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.

Seen in fruiting trees.

**Papuan Lorikeet**
*Charmosyna papou goliathina*

(2) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9 and Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.

Dark morphs were seen well.

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

(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9 and Anji-walya 11.9.

Seen well at two sites.

**Orange-billed Lorikeet**
*Neopsittacus pullicauda*

(2) Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.

Fairly common in the highlands.

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

(1) Varirata NP 5.9.

**Goldie's Lorikeet**
*Psitteuteles goldiei*

(2) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9 and Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.

Seen in fruiting trees.

**Coconut Lorikeet**
*Trichoglossus haematodus nigrogularis*

(4) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Brown River 12.9.

Mainly fly-overs.

**Pittas *Pittidae***

**Hooded Pitta**
*Pitta sordida novaeguineae*

(1) 1 heard Brown River 12.9.
Bowerbirds *Ptilonorhynchidae*

**MacGregor's Bowerbird**
*Amblyornis macgregoriae macgregoriae*
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.
Some lucky observers saw a bird on the fruiting Schefflera.

**Yellow-breasted Bowerbird**
*Chlamydera lauterbachi uniformis*
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
Adult scoped nicely.

**Fawn-breasted Bowerbird**
*Chlamydera cerviniventris*
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.
Multiple birds showing well at the campus.

Fairywrens *Maluridae*

**White-shouldered Fairywren**
*Malurus alboscapulatus lorentzi*
(4) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, 4 Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Seen really well at various sites.

**Orange-crowned Fairywren**
*Clytomyias insignis oorti*
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.
A small flock in the bamboo at the upper forest clearing.

Honeyeaters *Meliphagidae*

**Papuan Black Myzomela**
*Myzomela nigrita nigrita*
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
A single adult at a fruiting plant.

**Mountain Myzomela**
*Myzomela adolphinae*
(4) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9, Mount Hagen 9.9 and Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
Fairly common in the highlands.

**Red-collared Myzomela**
*Myzomela rosenbergii rosenbergii*
(4) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9 and Murmura pass 10.9.
Fairly common in the highlands.

**Green-backed Honeyeater**
*Glycichaera fallax fallax*
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
In a mixed-species flock. Warbler-like.

**Rufous-backed Honeyeater**
*Ptiloprora guisei*
(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.
Fairly common in the highland at mid-elevations.

**Grey-streaked Honeyeater**
*Ptiloprora perstriata*
(3) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-11.9.
Fairly common in the upper highlands around Kumul.

**Plain Honeyeater**
*Pycnopygius ixoides finschi*
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.

**Marbled Honeyeater**
*Pycnopygius cinereus marmoratus*
(1) Anji-walya 11.9.
Brief views.
Streak-headed Honeyeater  
*(Pycnopygius stictocepalus)*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Scope views at a fruiting tree.

Tawny-breasted Honeyeater  
*(Xanthotis flaviventer visi)*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
At a fruiting tree.

New Guinea Friarbird  
*(Philemon novaeguineae novaeguineae)*  
(3) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Fairly common in the lowlands.

White-throated Honeyeater  
*(Melithreptus albogularis albogularis)*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
In Eucalyptus forest.

Common Smoky Honeyeater  
*(Melipotes fumigatus goliath)*  
(6) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, observed Kumul Lodge 9-12.9, Murmura pass 10.9, Murmura pass 11.9 and Anji-walya 11.9.  
Common in the highlands and abundant at Kumul.

Rufous-banded Honeyeater  
*(Conopophila albogularis)*  
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.  
Fairly common in the lowlands around Port Moresby.

Black-throated Honeyeater  
*(Caligavis subfrenata)*  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.  
At the upper forest clearing.

Yellow-browed Melidectes  
*(Melidectes rufocrissalis rufocrissalis)*  
(3) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9.  
Fairly common at the Schefflera fruits at Rondon.

Belford's Melidectes  
*(Melidectes belfordi schraderensis)*  
(4) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-12.9, Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Common in the upper highlands and at the Kumul feeders.

Ornate Melidectes  
*(Melidectes torquatus polyphonous)*  
(4) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, 1 heard Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Anji-walya 11.9.  
Seen nicely at various sites.

Yellow-tinted Honeyeater  
*(Ptilotula flavescens flavescens)*  
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.  
Nice scope views at PAU.

Mountain Honeyeater  
*(Meliphaga orientalis becki)*  
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.  
Brief views.

Elegant Honeyeater  
*(Meliphaga cinereifrons)*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Most likely this species was involved.
Rustic Mouse-Warbler  
Crateroscelis murina pallida

Mountain Mouse-Warbler  
Crateroscelis robusta sanfordi

Papuan Scrubwren  
Sericornis papuensis buergersi

Large Scrubwren  
Sericornis nouhuysi stresemanni

Buff-faced Scrubwren  
Sericornis perspicillatus

Brown-breasted Gerygone  
Gerygone ruficollis

Yellow-bellied Gerygone  
Gerygone chrysogaster chrysogaster

Satinbirds  
Cnemophilidae

Loria's Satinbird  
Cnemophilus loriae

Crested Satinbird  
Cnemophilus macgregorii sanguineus

Black Berrypecker  
Melanocharis nigra chloroptera

Mid-mountain Berrypecker  
Melanocharis longicauda captata

Fan-tailed Berrypecker  
Melanocharis versteri meeki

Tit Berrypecker and Crested Berrypecker  
Paramythiidae

Tit Berrypecker  
Oreocharis arfaki

Crested Berrypecker  
Paramythia montium montium

Thornbills and Allies  
Acanthizidae

Rockjumper Birding Tours  
View more tours to Papua New Guinea
**Whipbirds and Wedgebills** *Psophodidae*

**Painted Quail-Thrush**  
*Cinclosoma ajax goldiei*  
(1) 1 heard Varirata NP 5.9.

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**Boatbills** *Machaerirhynchidae*

**Yellow-breasted Boatbill**  
*Machaerirhynchus flaviventer xanthogenys*  
(1) heard Varirata NP 5.9.

**Black-breasted Boatbill**  
*Machaerirhynchus nigripectus saturatus*  
(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Murmura pass 10.9, Murmura pass 11.9 and Kumul Lodge 11.9.  
Seen well in the canopy at various sites.

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**Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies** *Artamidae*

**White-breasted Woodswallow**  
*Artamus leucorynchus leucopygialis*  
(2) 2 Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Fairly common in the lowlands.

**Great Woodswallow**  
*Artamus maximus*  
(1) en route 10.9.  
Observed in the highlands near Kumul.

**Black-backed Butcherbird**  
*Cracticus mentalis mentalis*  
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.  
A few birds on the campus.

**Hooded Butcherbird**  
*Cracticus cassicus cassicus*  
(1) 1 Varirata NP 5.9.  
Scoped nicely.

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**Mottled Whistler** *Ragologidae*

**Mottled Berryhunter**  
*Rhagologus leucostigma obscurus*  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.  
A pair was glimpsed but heard nicely.

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**Cuckoo-shrikes** *Campephagidae*

**Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina novaehollandiae melanops*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Small flocks were seen.

**Stout-billed Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina caeruleogrisea*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Excellent views of an adult in the forest.

**Barred Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina lineata axillaris*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
At a fruiting tree.

**Boyer's Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina boyeri subalaris*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Various at the pick-nick area.

**White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike**  
*Coracina papuensis angustifrons*  
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Varirata NP 5.9.  
Recorded at two sites. Fairly common.
**Hooded Cuckooshrike**  
*Coracina longicauda*  
(1) 4 Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.  
Stunning views of a flock moving through the forest.

**Common Cicadabird**  
*Coracina tenuirostris tenuirostris*  
(1) Brown River 12.9.

**Black-bellied Cuckooshrike**  
*Coracina montana montana*  
(2) Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Seen at the clearing on two consecutive days.

**Varied Triller**  
*Lalage leucomela polygrammica*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
In Eucalyptus forest showing nicely.

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**Ploughbill** *Eulacestomatidae*  
*Eulacestoma nigropectus*  
(1) 1 heard Varirata NP 8.9.

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**Australo-Papuan Bellbirds** *Oreoicidae*  

**Rufous-naped Whistler**  
*Aleadyras rufinucha niveifrons*  
(4) 1 heard Varirata NP 8.9 and up to 1 Kumul Lodge 9-11.9.  
Seen well around the cabins of Kumul.

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**Whistlers and Allies** *Pachycephalidae*  

**Black Pitohui**  
*Melanorectes nigrescens meeki*  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.  
Brief views by some.

**Brown-backed Whistler**  
*Pachycephala modesta telefolminensis*  
(2) Kumul Lodge 10.9 and Kumul Lodge 11.9.  
Showing really well at the lodge.

**Grey Whistler**  
*Pachycephala simplex brunnescens*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
In various mixed-species flocks.

**Regent Whistler**  
*Pachycephala schlegelii obscurior*  
(3) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-11.9, Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Common in the forest and around the lodge.

**Black-headed Whistler**  
*Pachycephala monacha lugubris*  
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.  
Nice scope views.

**White-bellied Whistler**  
*Pachycephala leucogastrra leucogastra*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
In Eucalyptus forest. Immature male/female type.

**Rusty Pitohui**  
*Pseudorectes ferrugineus clarus*  
(1) 3 Varirata NP 5.9.  
Moving through the midstory.

**Little Shrikethrush**  
*Colluricincla megarhyncha madarasi*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
With a mixed-species flock.
Grey Shrikethrush  
Colluricincla harmonica superciliosa  
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.  
Nice scope views.

Shrikes Laniidae  

Long-tailed Shrike  
Lanius schach stresemanni  
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.  
Adult showing well in the open country.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae  

Australasian Figbird  
Sphecotheres vieilloti salvadorii  
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.  
Common and seen at several corners of the campus.

Hooded Pitohui  
Pitohui dichrous  
(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Mount Hagen 7.9.  
Nice views in the forest of Varirata.

Brown Oriole  
Oriolus szalayi  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Fairly common in the lowlands.

Drongos Dicruridae  

Spangled Drongo  
Dicrurus bracteatus carbonarius  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Fairly common in the lowlands, often with mixed-species flocks.

Fantails Rhipiduridae  

Willie Wagtail  
Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca  
(5) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Mount Hagen airport 12.9.  
Common, conspicuous and widespread.

Black Fantail  
Rhipidura atra atra  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.  
A pair at the forest clearing.

Chestnut-bellied Fantail  
Rhipidura hypertyhra castaneothorax  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Common in mixed-species flocks here.

Friendly Fantail  
Rhipidura albolimbata  
(5) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9, Kumul Lodge 10.9 and Kumul Lodge 11.9.  
Common in the highlands.

Dimorphic Fantail  
Rhipidura brachyrhyncha  
(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Seen well at various sites in the highlands.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae  

Black Monarch  
Symposiachrus axillaris fallax  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9.  
Observed in the forest.
Spot-winged Monarch  
*Symposiachrus guttula*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Twice in a mixed-species flock.

Black-faced Monarch  
*Monarcha melanopsis*  
(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Seen well at two sites.

Frilled Monarch  
*Arses telescophthalmus henkei*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
In a mixed-species flock.

Leaden Flycatcher  
*Myiagra rubecula papuana*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
In Eucalyptus forest.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies  
*Corvidae*

Grey Crow  
*Corvus tristis*  
(2) Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Nice views at Brown River.

Torresian Crow  
*Corvus orru orru*  
(3) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Varirata NP 5.9 and Brown River 12.9.  
Fairly common and widespread in the lowlands.

Lesser Melampitta  
*Melampitta lugubris*  
(2) 1 heard Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9 and Murmura pass 10.9.  
Seen briefly on a trail.

Blue-capped Ifrit  
*Ifrita kowaldi*  
(3) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-11.9, 1 heard Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Fairly common in the forest around the lodge.

Glossy-mantled Manucode  
*Manucodia ater ater*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
At a fruiting tree.

Short-tailed Paradigalla  
*Paradigalla brevicauda*  
(2) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9 and Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.  
Fantastic scope views of an adult on two consecutive days.

Ribbon-tailed Astrapia (NT)  
*Astrapia mayeri*  
(4) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-12.9.  
Common at the lodge feeders including a full adult male frequently showing up. Several immature males and females as well.

Princess Stephanie's Astrapia  
*Astrapia stephaniae stephaniae*  
(4) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Fairly common in the forest at Rondon Ridge. A stunning male was seen at the upper clearing.
King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise  
*Pteridophora alberti*  
(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Stunning males were observed well at two sites.

Superb Bird-of-paradise  
*Lophorina superba feminina*  
(4) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9 and Anji-walya 11.9.  
Birds were seen at various sites including a couple of cracking males.

Growling Riflebird  
*Ptiloris intercedens*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Brief views but common by voice.

Brown Sicklebill  
*Epimachus meyeri*  
(4) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-12.9, 1 heard Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Females were common at the lodge feeders. A spectacular male was seen at Murmura.

Magnificent Bird-of-paradise  
*Diphyllodes magnificus chrysopterus*  
(2) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Anji-walya 11.9.  
Females were seen well at two sites. A male was only briefly seen.

Raggiana Bird-of-paradise  
*Paradisaea raggiana raggiana*  
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.  
Outstanding views of several displaying males.

Lesser Bird-of-paradise  
*Paradisaea minor minor*  
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.  
A single adult male was seen nicely.

Blue Bird-of-paradise (VU)  
*Paradisaea rudolphi margaritae*  
(3) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 8.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9 and Anji-walya 11.9.  
Stunning females were seen at two sites.

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**Australasian Robins Petroicidae**

Ashy Robin  
*Heteromyias albispecularis armiti*  
(2) Murmura pass 10.9 and Murmura pass 11.9.  
Showing really well at the forest clearing.

Black-throated Robin  
*Poecilodryas albonotata griseiventris*  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9.  
Nice views of a bird at the forest edge.

White-winged Robin  
*Peneothello sigillata quadrimaculata*  
(3) Observed Kumul Lodge 9-11.9.  
Fairly common around the cabins of the lodge.

Slaty Robin  
*Peneothello cyanus atricapilla*  
(1) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.  
Briefly seen in the forest.

Torrent Flyrobin  
*Monachella muelleriana muelleriana*  
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.  
Great scope views of a bird perched on a rock.

Canary Flyrobin  
*Microeca papuana*  
(1) Murmura pass 11.9.  
Good views of a single bird.
Lemon-bellied Flyrobin
Microeca flavigaster flavissima
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
Very confiding individuals foraging up-close.

Swallows Hirundinidae
Hirundo tahitica albescens
(4) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Fairly common and widespread.

Pacific Swallow
Hirundo tahitica albescens
(4) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Fairly common and widespread.

Leaf-Warblers Phylloscopidae
Phylloscopus maforensis giulianetti
(2) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9 and Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.
Common in the forest at Rondon Ridge.

Island Leaf Warbler
Phylloscopus maforensis giulianetti
(2) Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9 and Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 9.9.
Common in the forest at Rondon Ridge.

Papuan Grassbird
Megalurus macrurus alpinus
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
Seen well at a single site. Heard at various locations.

Grassbirds and Allies Locustellidae
Megalurus macrurus alpinus
(1) Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
Seen well at a single site. Heard at various locations.

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae
Zosterops minor delicatulus
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
In the canopy at the pick-nick clearing.

Black-fronted White-eye
Zosterops minor delicatulus
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
In the canopy at the pick-nick clearing.

Papuan White-eye
Zosterops novaeguineae wahgiensis
(4) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7-9.9, Mount Hagen 9.9 and Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9.
Common at Rondon Ridge.

Starlings Sturnidae
Aplonis metallica mentalica
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Flocks of birds seen at two sites.

Singing Starling
Aplonis cantoroides
(1) Pacific Adventist University 4.9.
A single adult mixed-in with Metallic Starling.

Yellow-faced Myna
Mino dumontii
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Seen nicely at two sites.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae
Turdus poliocephalus papuensis
(3) Observed Kumul Lodge 10-12.9.
Common on the grounds and at the lodge feeders.
Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

**Pied Bush Chat**  *Saxicola caprata helensis*
(6) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9-9.9, Kama (Lesser BOP site) 10.9, Anji-walya 11.9 and Mount Hagen airport 12.9.
Fairly common and widespread in open farmland.

**Flowerpeckers** *Dicaeidae*

**Red-capped Flowerpecker**  *
*Dicaeum geelvinkianum rubrocoronatum*
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
Seen well at the forest edge.

**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters** *Nectariniidae*

**Olive-backed Sunbird**  *
*Cinnyris jugularis frenatus*
(1) Brown River 12.9.
Nice scope views of a male.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

**House Sparrow**  *
*Passer domesticus*
(2) Port Moresby 4.9 and Port Moresby 12.9.
Fairly common in urban areas.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow**  *
*Passer montanus*
(4) Pacific Adventist University 4.9, Port Moresby 6.9, Mount Hagen 7.9 and Mount Hagen airport 12.9.
Fairly common and widespread.

Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae*

**Mountain Firetail**  *
*Oreostruthus fuliginosus*
(2) Kumul Lodge 10.9 and Kumul Lodge 11.9.
Superb views of a few birds on the grounds.

**Blue-faced Parrotfinch**  *
*Erythrura trichroa sigillifer*
(2) Murmura pass 10.9 and 1 heard Murmura pass 11.9.
Excellent views of foraging birds at the forest clearing.

**Grey-headed Mannikin**  *
*Lonchura caniceps caniceps*
(2) Pacific Adventist University 4.9 and Brown River 12.9.
Fairly common in the lowlands, including a few large flocks.

**Hooded Mannikin**  *
*Lonchura spectabilis wahgiensis*
(3) Observed Rondon Ridge, Mt Hagen 7.9-9.9.
Fairly common in open farmland.

**Chestnut-breasted Mannikin**  *
*Lonchura castaneothorax ramsayi*
(1) Brown River 12.9.
A few were nicely observed in the scope.

**Wagtails and Pipits** *Motacillidae*

**Australian Pipit**  *
*Anthus australis exiguus*
(1) Mount Hagen airport 12.9.
In the grass at the airstrip.
Mammals (2 in total: 2 seen)

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced
IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

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**Grey Dorcopsis**
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
Brief views from the bus.

**Agile Wallaby**
(1) Varirata NP 5.9.
Showing well at the Eucalyptus forest.