Papua New Guinea IV
Trip Report
22nd July to 8th August 2018 (18 days)

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Top 10 birds of the tour as voted for by the tour participants:

1. Flame Bowerbird
2. King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise
3. Wattled Ploughbill
4. Blue-capped Irit, King Bird-of-Paradise & Papuan Frogmouth
5. Wallace’s Fairywren, Superb Bird-of-Paradise, Wallace’s Owlet-nightjar, MacGregor’s Bowerbird (for its elaborate bower!) & Brown Sicklebill,
6. Queen Carola’s Parotia
7. Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher
8. Moustached Treeswift, Blue Jewel-babbler, Emperor Fairywren & Orange-fronted Hanging Parrot
9. Crested Berypecker & Black-capped Lory
10. Red-breasted Pygmy Parrot

Sclater’s Crowned Pigeon by Glen Valentine

Tour Summary

Tucked away between the Lesser Sundas and the expansive continent of Australia is the legendary island of New Guinea. Home to the spectacular birds-of-paradise, arguably the world’s most attractive and intriguing bird family, New Guinea will always be one of those very special destinations that every birder wishes to visit sometime in their lives.
Our fourth of six comprehensive birding tours to Papua New Guinea (the eastern half of the island of New Guinea) for the 2018 season coincided, as always with the dry season and the advent of displaying birds-of-paradise. The trip was a resounding success once again and racked up an amazing selection of the island’s most outstanding, rare and sought-after species with some of the many highlights including the outrageous Ribbon-tailed and Princess Stephanie’s Astrapias, outlandish King-of-Saxony, Twelve-wired and King Birds-of-paradise (just a few of the 18 species of Birds-of-paradise seen on the trip), Loria’s and Crested Satinbirds, the elusive Salvadori’s Teal, magnificent Selater’s

Crowned Pigeon, Gurney’s and Pygmy Eagles, impressive Papuan and Marbled Frogmouths, the very rare and little-known Papuan Hawk-Owl, Barred, Wallace’s and Mountain Owlet-nightjars, Red-backed Buttonquail, superb Brown-headed, Little and Common Paradise Kingfishers, the amazing Shovel-billed Kookaburra, Hook-billed and Azure Kingfishers, an incredible assortment of brightly-coloured fruit doves, Pesquet’s (New Guinea Vulturine) Parrot, the magnificent Palm Cockatoo, the rare White-crowned Cuckoo and Dwarf Koel, the dazzling Flame Bowerbird displaying for a female at its bower, immaculate Crested and Tit Berrypeckers, dazzling Wallace’s and Emperor Fairywrens, an array of endemic Berrypeckers and Longbills, the unique Torrent-lark, Blue Jewel-babbler, Painted Quail-thrush, the bizarre, monotypic and endemic Mottled Berryhunter, Wattled Ploughbill, Drongo Fantail and Blue-capped Ifrit, handsome Garnet Robin, Lesser Melampitta, Blue-faced Parrotfinch, White-spotted Mannikin and Mountain Firetail among many others! Phew, what a suite of mega endemics and specialties! This was our adventure...

On a warm and clear afternoon, we piled into our bus and kicked off our Papua New Guinea birding extravaganza with an afternoon visit to the nearby birding hotspot of the Pacific Adventist University (PAU). A leisurely stroll around the university grounds afforded us excellent views of many wonderful and classically Australasian birds such as Masked Lapwing, Nankeen Night Heron, Torresian Imperial Pigeon, Pheasant Coucal, Bar-shouldered and Peaceful Doves, Sacred, Forest and Common Kingfishers,
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird, Rufous-banded and Yellow-tinted Honeyeaters, the noisy New Guinea Friarbird, White-breasted Woodswallow, Black-backed Butcherbird, Australasian Figbird, Brown Oriole, Grey Shrikethrush, the ever-present Willie Wagtail, Metallic and Singing Starlings, the brightly-coloured and pleasantly common Coconut Lorikeet, Red-cheeked and Eclectus Parrots, small groups of the striking Yellow-faced Myna, a Brown Goshawk on the hunt, soaring White-bellied Sea Eagle and the beautiful Orange-fronted Fruit Dove. The series of small ponds also teemed with exciting new water-birds and over the course of the afternoon we managed to locate Plumed and Wandering Whistling Ducks, the usually unobtrusive Raja Shelduck, Pacific Black Duck, Grey Teal, Australian White Ibis, a surprise Royal Spoonbill, Pied Heron, Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants, Australasian Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen and several pairs of the eye-catching Comb-crested Jacana. Probably the biggest prize of the afternoon was finding three roosting Papuan Frogmouths. These impressive, nocturnal creatures were admired and photographed at length at close range and, along with being afforded the rare opportunity to admire the avenue bower of a Fawn-breasted Bowerbird, was indeed the perfect way to round off our most enjoyable afternoon’s introduction to New Guinea birding. Fantastic!

Our first full day in the country was enjoyed in the nearby Varirata National Park, which protects the forested hills above Port Moresby. The birding here is consistently some of the best on the island and we were not disappointed as we managed to see a wealth of Varirata’s most prized birds. A range of habitats were scoured that included bird-rich eucalyptus woodland, mid-altitude broad-leaved forest interior and edge and drier evergreen ridge-tops.

Our day kicked off with awesome male Raggiana Birds-of-paradise perched up in full view at their usual display site within the national Park. Watching the bright red, green and yellow males bellowing their
raucous calls and shuffling about with their extravagant reddish-orange flank plumes flaying behind them was a magical experience and no doubt one of the main reasons we’d all come so far to this magical island.

Thereafter we concentrated on the forest edge environs, which proved fairly productive and yielded noteworthy species such as Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove, Pink-spotted and Orange-bellied Fruit Doves, Tawny-breasted, Plain and Mimic Honeyeaters, Barred and Boyer’s Cuckooshrikes, Black Cicadabird, Varied Triller, Little Shrikethrush, Black Berrypecker, Hooded Pitohui, Black-fronted White-eye and Red-capped Flowerpecker.

Heading into the forest along the network of trails proved harder work as always but our efforts were rewarded with views of specialties like Barred Owlet-nightjar on its usual roost, stunning Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher, Fairy Gerygone, Grey Whistler, Chestnut-bellied Fantail, the vocal but extremely shy Painted Quail-thrush, Black-faced and Frilled Monarchs and both female and young male Growling Riflebirds.

In the late afternoon we birded the tall, open eucalyptus woodland along the Varirata entrance road and this very different and more classically Australian habitat offered much easier birding and produced several brightly-coloured, easy to see and memorable species like Forest Kingfisher, Rainbow Bee-eater, White-throated Honeyeater, large flocks of Black-faced and White-bellied Cuckooshrikes, a singing Green-backed Gerygone, the brilliant Black-capped Lory, Red-flanked and Coconut Lorikeets, several fly-over Metallic Pigeons and Great Cuckoo-Dove, Pacific Baza, Long-tailed Honey Buzzard, a few surprise Brown Quails and the rare and localized White-bellied
Whistler.

After an immensely successful time in Varirata, we bid farewell to the Port Moresby area for the time-being and took a short flight into the lowlands to the west of Moresby. We arrived in Kiunga in good time due the plane being unable to land at Tabubil. We met up with our old friends, Samuel and Jimmy and began the drive up to the mining town of Tabubil, situated just east of West Papua’s eastern border.

Top of the wish-list in the extremely wet and cloudy Tabubil area are the bizarre and incredibly tough-to-see Shovel-billed Kookaburra, the localized and often-elusive Salvadori’s Teal, the scarce, shy, striking and unique Torrent-lark, Magnificent Bird-of-paradise and outrageouse Queen Carola’s Parotia. We were extremely fortunate with all of these species this trip as we managed to obtain fabulous views of all five species! Other sought-after avian gems that we managed to find in Tabubil’s rainforest-cloaked hills included Crinkle-collared Manucode, White-eared and Little Bronze Cuckoos, Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo, Papuan Black Myzomela, Green-backed, Mountain, Scrub and Tawny-breasted Honeyeaters, Slaty-headed and Dwarf Longbills, Mountain Peltops, Grey-headed, the massive Stout-billed and stunning Golden Cuckooshrikes, the little-known and ridiculously localized Obscure Berrypecker, Magnificent Riflebird, Moustached Treeswift, Pacific Baza, Gurney’s and Pygmy Eagles, Grey-headed Goshawk, the rarely-seen Pale-vented Bushhen, Great Cuckoo-Dove, Beautiful, Superb and White-bibbed (Mountain) Fruit Doves, Zoe’s Imperial Pigeon, an unusually showy Black-billed Coucal, the partially-crepuscular Hook-billed Kingfisher, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, large flocks of the nomadic Dusky Lory, the rare and sought-after Pesquet’s Parrot, Orange-breasted Fig Parrot, the very rarely seen Orange-fronted Hanging Parrot, Black Butcherbird, Great Woodswallow, Black-headed and Rusty Whistlers, a pair of Mottled Berryhunter, the scarce and taxonomically disputed Drongo Fantail, Black Fantail, Spot-winged Monarch, Grey Crow, Capped White-eye, Torrent Flyrobin, Greater Bird-of-paradise and an unbelievably close and showy pair of Wallace’s Fairywren.
After some excellent (probably the best I’ve ever had around Tabubil!) birding over the past few days in Tabubil’s typically rainy and overcast conditions we left this part of the country and drove back to Kiunga where we spent the next few days birding the humid lowlands around Kiunga.

Our time in the Kiunga area was spent at the birding hotspots of Boy’s Town Road and km 17 and both of these sites produced a range of excellent birds!

The first morning of our first full day in the Kiunga area saw us arriving at the famous Boy’s Town Road mound just after dawn where we were treated to excellent perched views of richly-coloured Pink-spotted and Orange-bellied Fruit Doves, Orange-breasted Fig Parrot, the rather scarce Plain and Obscure Honeyeaters, Streak-headed Honeyeater, the boldly-patterned Lowland Peltops, Yellow-bellied Gerygone, the glowing Golden Monarch, Trumpet Manucode (a rather aberrant Bird-of-paradise), Yellow-billed Kingfisher, Black Sunbird and Papuan Spine-tailed Swift. Flight views were obtained of small flocks of miniscule Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrots, while Red-flanked Lorikeets and Double-eyed Fig Parrots showed well perched. A stunning male Papuan King Parrot was also admired in flight as were flocks of Yellowish-streaked Lory. A gorgeous pair of exquisite Emperor Fairywrens were coaxed out of roadside thickets and showed fantastically well and the main target of the area, the unrivalled Flame Bowerbird made several fly-overs showing its incredibly bright, flame-orange, yellow and black plumage, while a sub-adult male was also scoped at length. Fabulous!

The forest-interior trail at km 17 afforded us excellent views of Greater Birds-of-paradise as well as a few Raggiana Birds-of-paradise, the immaculate King Bird-of-paradise and several other noteworthy but slightly less-spectacular species such as Yellow-eyed Starling, the scarce Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon and Hook-billed Kingfisher.

Next up was our exciting trip down the Fly, Elevala and Ketu Rivers! Well before dawn we departed our guest house in Kiunga and made our way down to where our motor-boats awaited us at the edge of the Fly River. In the dim light and equipped with heavy-duty rubber-boots we waddled across the thick, sticky mud and into the boats
and were soon buzzing down the Fly River to connect with a male Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise perched up on its calling post at the river’s edge just after dawn. We arrived in perfect time and immediately found our quarry perched up and giving its less than musical, rasping call to attract any nearby females that might be in the area. After enjoying good views of this magical bird, we continued our boat ride along the Fly River, then up the Elevala River and eventually onto the tiny tributary of the Ketu River on which our very rustic lodge is situated. The birding along the way was excellent as always and turned up an array of wonderful lowland forest species. Pairs and small parties of the often scarce Pacific Baza flopped their way over the forest canopy. Collared, Pinon’s and Zoe’s Imperial Pigeons were seen on several occasions in flight across the rivers and were sometimes joined by Papuan Mountain Pigeon, Pacific Koel, the regal Channel-billed Cuckoo, Grey Crow, Moustached Treeswift, Papuan Spine-tailed Swift, Oriental Dollarbird, the stately Blyth’s Hornbill, magnificent Palm and Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, colourful Red-cheeked and gaudy Eclectus Parrots, Orange-breasted and Large Fig Parrots, hundreds of Metallic Starlings and Yellow-faced and immaculate Golden Mynas. Glossy-mantled Manucode and Shining Flycatcher fed along the river’s edge and we also enjoyed sensational views of one of the major target species of the entire trip: the magnificent Slaters’s Crowned Pigeon, of which we ended up seeing several of these awesome birds.

Upon arrival at Kwatu Lodge we embarked on a short walk into the forest behind the lodge and here we added a showy pair of Hooded Monarch, a Puff-backed Honeyeater and Yellow-bellied Gerygone. After a picnic lunch we ventured back out on the boats and made our way further up the Ketu River before heading into the forest. Hooded Pitta called tantalizingly close and was glimpsed in the dark forest understory, while a flock of White-bellied Pitohui were coaxed into view. A smashing sub-adult male King Bird-of-paradise was also enjoyed before moving onto another area of flooded forest where we heard a common Paradise Kingfisher and managed to obtain excellent views of Black-sided Robin. The river trip back to the lodge yielded Large-billed Gerygone, a Slaters’s Crowned Pigeon on its nest, an
extremely confiding Azure Kingfisher and many of the fantastic species already mentioned for the early morning boat ride from Kiunga.

This evening we ventured back out after an early dinner to fit in some night-birding. The evening started very slowly and was extremely slow-going until we managed to call in a vocalizing Marbled Frogmouth. After a lot of effort without any success and just as we thought the Frogmouth would be our only nocturnal sighting of the night we managed to obtain a response from Wallace’s Owlet-nightjar that was quickly located and admired for several minutes. Then to end off a remarkable night’s birding we found a calling Papuan Hawk-Owl that was eventually drawn across the river. Awesome!

The next morning had us waking up to a glorious morning and after breakfast we enjoyed fabulous scope views of a calling and displaying Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise from the lodge grounds! Sensational! This area also produced a family group of the miniscule and seldom seen Pygmy Longbill, as well as a perched Trumpet Manucode. Thereafter we boarded the boats again and made our way to the Elevala and then upstream where we spent the remainder of the morning birding a productive area of seasonally-flooded forest. Here we managed to find both Common and Little Paradise Kingfishers that each posed well for scope views. Another Hooded Pitta was briefly seen and we enjoyed good looks at Papuan Babbler and Yellow-bellied Longbill. A Great-billed Heron was also found during the ride out, as was a fly-by Grey-headed Goshawk, large numbers of Blyth’s Hornbills, a fly-over of the scarce Long-billed Cuckoo and scores of fig parrots, imperial pigeons and fruit doves.

Our river trip had already been an amazing experience and huge success, picking up almost all of the area’s specialties but we still had one more exciting event to end off today. After cruising by boat back along the Elevala River towards Kiunga, we stopped in at the edge of the river and walked into the forest a short distance before arriving at an active Flame Bowerbird bower and hide/blind. With much anticipation we
found our positions in the hide and waited patiently for our quarry to appear. We waited and waited, hearing the male giving his rasping call on several occasions but without as much as a glimpse. Eventually, after waiting for just over two hours we heard his calls for the fourth time but this time he meant business and in he hopped, right in front of his bower, strutting about in all his glory, the most magnificent display of truly unbelievable orange, yellow and black in all of the avian world! A female then appeared and we were duly spell-bound as we were treated to one of the most astonishing spectacles on Earth, the display of the male Flame Bowerbird! After being totally and utterly transfixed and in awe for over thirty minutes we finally departed the scene. It was certainly one of our most memorable birding experiences that any of us have ever had the privilege of witnessing and will live with us forever!

After an intensive but incredibly rewarding and enjoyable two-day’s birding in the hot, humid lowlands we returned by boat to the relative luxuries of Kiunga in the early evening and enjoyed a much-deserved hot shower and hot meal with the cold beer and red wine flowing liberally!

Our next day saw us back at Boy’s Town where we encountered many of the same species seen on our first visit there a few days earlier but this time we added the spectacular Golden Monarch, the scarce Meyer’s Friarbird, a female Common Cicadabird and a fly-by Blue Jewel-babbler. KM 17 produced more Greater Birds-of-paradise, as well as glimpses of Blue Jewel-babbler but was otherwise very quiet. The next morning, we birded the edge of the Kiunga Airstrip which gave us several noteworthy species such as a small flock of White-spotted Mannikin, White-shouldered Fairywren, flight views of Red-backed Buttonquail, a perched and hovering Nankeen Kestrel, brilliant Rainbow Bee-eaters and the nondescript Golden-headed Cisticola before catching our flight to Mount Hagen, situated in PNG’s Western Highlands Province. Our flight was perfectly on time – a rarity in New Guinea - and we arrived in Hagen just after midday and began the drive uphill towards the famous Kumul Lodge, our comfortable accommodations for the next two nights.

With time to spare, we watched the

Blyth’s Hornbill by Glen Valentine

Crested Berrypecker by Glen Valentine
feeder and with much excitement and awe, added species like Ribbon-tailed Astrapia, Brown Sicklebill, White-winged Robin, Island Thrush, Common Smoky Honeyeater, Belford’s Melidectes and Brehm’s Tiger Parrot to the ever-growing list. The surrounding flowering and fruiting trees attracted the likes of Grey-streaked Honeyeater, Crested Berrypecker, Regent Whistler, Plum-faced Lorikeet and female Crested Satinbirds. Thereafter we took a short stroll around the grounds where the activity was exceptional for a late afternoon in New Guinean cloud forest and we were thrilled to find Rufous-naped Bellbird, Blue-capped Ifrit, Mountain Firetail and a number of the species already mentioned for the feeder. What an awesome day it had been but it wasn’t over just yet. At dusk we ventured out along a trail to a well-known stake-out for New Guinea Woodcock. The bird was heard twice and then gave us a brief fly-over, which wasn’t very satisfying but was certainly better than nothing and the return walk yielded a very obliging Mountain Owlet-nightjar. Fantastic!

We enjoyed a delicious meal this evening and reminisced over all the amazing sightings over the past week in the lowlands and our already superb start to our highland leg of the trip.

Our full day in the Kumul area was spent around the feeder, along the network of forest trails and at the extremely productive clearing on the nearby Murmura Pass. All of these locations produced amazing birds and we were delighted with our efforts by the end of the day. The feeder produced most of the species seen yesterday afternoon along with Mountain Mouse Warbler and a Brown-backed Whistler that fed in the canopy above, while the forest trails yielded a few furtive Lesser Melampittas, the attractive and vociferous Black-breasted Boatbill, Black-throated Honeyeater, Red-collared Myzomela, Large and Papuan Scrubwrens, Orange-billed Lorikeet and Canary Flyrobin.

Our afternoon at the Murmura Pass clearing proved especially fruitful and gave us a number of stunning species, top of the list being a young male King-of-Saxony Bird-of-paradise! Other gems
that popped up for scope views included a female Loria’s Satinbird, a family group of Blue-faced Parrotfinch, Yellow-billed Lorikeet, Ashy (Black-capped) Robin, a fleeting Mottled Berryhunter, Tit Berryecker, Fan-tailed Cuckoo, a fly-by White-bibbed Fruit Dove and Rufous-backed Honeyeater. A very responsive but rather furtive pair of Dimorphic Fantails was also seen nearby and Wattled Ploughbill called tantalizingly close on two occasions but would not reveal itself.

The next morning saw us up very early for breakfast, after which we wound our way down into the Lai Valley and the village of Kama where Lesser Bird-of-paradise awaited us. A gorgeous male Lesser BOP obliged after a short wait and in this area, we also enjoyed views of Crinkle-collared Manucode, Mountain Myzomela and Papuan White-eye. Thereafter we back-tracked towards the Lai River where we quickly managed to find Yellow-breasted Bowerbird and Hooded Mannikins, as well as Papuan Grassbird and a bonus in a perched Brown Goshawk. The Tonga Valley produced a showy male Superb Bird-of-paradise, as well as several females. Ornate Melidectes also showed well in this area and some forest-edge habitat a little higher up produced a pair of Brown Falcon.

After a fabulous time in the Kumul area and adjacent sites and another delicious meal it was time to make our way back to Mount Hagen and then up to the impressive and rather luxurious Rondon Ridge where we’d be based for the next three nights at the edge of some beautiful, bamboo-clad and moss-draped lower montane forest.

The birding at Rondon was challenging but with patience and perseverance it did produce an array of mouth-watering and much-desired species. Our two full days were spent mostly along the network of forest trails that wind their way through the forest that cloaks Rondon Ridge with specific emphasis on the ridge trail that produced most of our best-quality species. Highlights were plentiful and included several of the tour’s most prized species. The ridge trail yielded Mountain Kingfisher, Wattled Ploughbill, Sclater’s, White-winged Robin by David Erterius

Ribbon-tailed Astrapia by Glen Valentine
Regent and Brown-backed Whistlers, Grey Thornbill, Yellow-browed Melidectes, Lesser Ground Robin, several Princess Stephanie’s Astrapia that included two outstanding males, a few more Superb Birds-of-paradise, the rarely seen Yellowish-streaked Honeyeater and Black Pittohui, Slaty (Blue-grey) Robin, unusually large numbers of Red-collared Myzomela and Black-throated Honeyeaters around the numerous flowering trees, the vibrant Plum-faced, Orange-billed and Yellow-billed Lorikeets and a few brief views of MacGregor’s Bowerbirds. We were even fortunate enough to be shown one male’s elaborate maypole bower. What an incredible feat of avian architecture!

The clearing at the top of the trail gave us a splendid male King-of-Saxony Bird-of-paradise, male and female Brown Sicklebills, a stunning male Garnet Robin and nuthatch-like Red-breasted Pygmy Parrots, while the lower elevation trails and forest edge around the accommodations produced a Bronze Ground Dove, Black-throated Robin, an extremely confiding juvenile Mottled Berryhunter and a pair of Rufous-throated Bronze Cuckoos.

Our evening outings were met with at least some success as we were rewarded with excellent views of Papuan Boobook but unfortunately the always tricky Feline Owlet-nightjar was only heard.

An afternoon trip lower down into the valley in search of Blue Bird-of-paradise did produce a female Blue BOP briefly perched and in flight, as well as a glorious male perched up but only for a few seconds, while Island Leaf Warblers, Papuan Grassbird and Buff-faced Scrubwrens were also encountered here.

Some folks opted for an afternoon’s excursion of nearby Mudmen and Huli villages that were both a major hit and thoroughly enjoyed by all! The cultural aspect of New Guinea is certainly unique and intriguing and makes for a very interesting and fascinating change in scenery and direction on an otherwise birding focused trip to this amazing and culturally-rich island.
After a wonderful and highlight-filled stay at Rondon, it was time to bid farewell to the New Guinean highlands and return to the island’s capital, Port Moresby for our final nights of the tour. Our flight worked well once again and we arrived at our very comfortable and hospitable guest house in the suburbs of Moresby in time for a quick lunch before heading out to PAU for one final afternoon’s visit. The birding there was as usual, excellent with birds everywhere and we enjoyed final views of many now-familiar lowland, wetland and savanna species, as well as one new, target endemic, the Grey-headed Mannikin (Munia) that was present in large numbers in the tall, seeding grass at the edges of the university grounds. We also enjoyed better views of Golden-headed Cisticola along with many other fantastic birds.

To end off another immensely successful and unforgettable Papua New Guinean birding adventure we boarded our now-familiar bus for one last trip to Varirata National Park. We arrived at the bird-rich reserve soon after dawn where we spent the first hour of the morning enjoying the variety of eye-catching species on offer around the clearing of the main picnic area. The dawn chorus was impressive too with the calls of Raggiana Birds-of-paradise, Hooded Butcherbirds, Rusty Mouse-Warbler, Hooded Pitohui, Growling Riflebird and various species of Cuckooshrikes, Pigeons and Cuckoos ringing out from the surrounding forest. Most of these species were also seen for one last time and we also enjoyed excellent views Dwarf and Pink-spotted Fruit Doves, Zoe’s Imperial Pigeon, Dwarf Koel, Elegant Honeyeater and the impressive Blue-winged Kookaburra amongst many other more numerous and more regularly seen species.

Further up the road towards the lookout trail we stopped for a crack at some tricky interior species and
were greeted by the resonating calls of White-crowned Cuckoo (Koel) that eventually showed extremely well in the scope for several minutes. Wonderful views of the ever-popular Yellow-billed Kingfisher were also obtained here before continuing up to the head of the lookout trail. The remainder of the morning was spent ambling slowing down along this trail through the forest interior. Although fairly quiet as expected, we were rewarded with outstanding views of Brown-headed Paradise Kingfisher, Stout-billed Cuckooshrike and the scarce Olive Flyrobin, while we also managed to obtain our first sighting of Rusty Pitohui for the trip. Several understory skulkers such as Chestnut-backed Jewel-babbler, Piping Bellbird and Papuan Scrub Robin called tantalizingly close but were either just glimpsed or refused to show at all.

During the course of the day we were treated to a fine selection of raptors, mostly soaring high overhead and these included Long-tailed Honey Buzzard, Pacific Baza, Pygmy Eagle and Variable Goshawk. Our post-lunch walk along a different forest trail produced little other than a brief encounter with a Painted Quail-thrush and two furtive White-faced Robins but our late afternoon stroll along the entrance road was much birdier and produced a regal Barking Owl, the floppy Pheasant Coucal, White-throated Honeyeater, Lemon-bellied Flyrobin, immaculate Rainbow Bee-eater, handsome Blyth’s Hornbill, Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Eclectus Parrot, gaudy Black-capped Lory, Coconut Lorikeet, Black-backed Butcherbird, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, Varied Cuckooshrike, Yellow-faced Myna, Grey Shrikethrush and a Metallic (White-throated) Pigeon in flight overhead.

It proved to be another lovely day’s birding in Varirata followed by a thoroughly enjoyable final dinner at our homely guest house in town and that concluded another fabulous birding adventure of Papua New Guinea! Thank you to everyone for your help in making this such an enjoyable and memorable tour for David and I and we look forward to sharing many more fun and bird-filled birding tours in the near future.
Annotated Checklist of Birds Recorded
325 species recorded (310 seen and 15 heard only)


Key to abbreviations
NG – endemic to New Guinea
PNG – endemic to Papua New Guinea
NE – near endemic to New Guinea
H – Heard only
NP – National Park
NT – Near Threatened
VU – Vulnerable
EN – Endangered
CR – Critically endangered
DD – Data Deficient

Key to bracketing
Round bracket refers to the alternative name for the species

Ducks, Geese & Swans *Anatidae*

Rockjumper Birding Tours
Plumed Whistling Duck  
*Dendrocygna eytoni*  
(2) 20 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Wandering Whistling Duck**  
*Dendrocygna arcuata*  
(1) 15 Pacific Adventist University 22.7.

**Raja (Radjah) Shelduck**  
*Radjah radjah radjah*  
(1) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7.

**Salvadori's Teal (VU)**  
*Salvadorina waigiuensis*  
(1) 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7.

**Pacific Black Duck**  
*Anas superciliosa pelewensis*  
(2) 50 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 50 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Grey Teal**  
*Anas gracilis gracilis*  
(2) 6 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 5 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Megapodes Megapodiidae**

**Black-billed Brushturkey (H)**  
*Talegalla fuscirostris*  
(3) 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 29.7, 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

**Brown Quail**  
*Coturnix ypsilophora*  
(1) 4 Varirata NP 23.7.

**Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**

**Australian White Ibis**  
*Threskiornis molucca molucca*  
(2) 15 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Royal Spoonbill**  
*Platalea regia*  
(1) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7.

**Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**

**Black Bittern**  
*Dupetor flavicollis australis*  
(1) 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Nankeen (Rufous) Night Heron**  
*Nycticorax caledonicus*  
(2) 4 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Striped (Green-backed) Heron**  
*Butorides striata*  
(2) 2 Elevala River 29.7 and 1 Elevala River 30.7.

**Eastern (Cattle Egret)**  
*Bubulcus coromandus*  
(4) 40+20 heard Port Moresby 22.7, 40 Between Port Moresby & Varirata NP 23.7, 10 Port Moresby 24.7 and 50+40 heard Port Moresby 6.8.

**Great-billed Heron**  
*Ardea sumatrana*  
(2) 1 Elevala River 29.7 and 1 Elevala River 30.7.

**Eastern (Great Egret)**  
*Ardea alba modesta*  
(4) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 3 Elevala River 29.7, 2 Elevala River 30.7 and 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret**  
*Ardea intermedia plumifera*  
(4) 4 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 2 Elevala River 29.7, 1 Elevala River 30.7 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Pied Heron**  
*Egreta picata*  

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(2) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**

**Little Pied Cormorant** *Microcarbo melanoleucos melanoleucos*
(2) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
(2) 40 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 60 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**

**Pacific Baza** *Aviceda subcristata*
(7) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 4 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 5 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Eleva River 29.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Long-tailed Honey Buzzard** *Hericoperini longicauda*
(7) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 27.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 1 Eleva River 29.7, 1 Kiunga 31.7, 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Papuan (New Guinea Harpy) Eagle (VU)** *Harpyopsis novaeguineae*
(1) 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Pygmy Eagle** *Hieraaetus weiskei*
(3) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 1+2 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Gurney's Eagle (NT)** *Aquila gurneyi*
(1) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 26.7.

**Variable Goshawk** *Accipiter hiogaster*
(5) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 1 Eleva River 30.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8, 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Brown Goshawk** *Accipiter fasciatus*
(3) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 1 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8 and 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Grey-headed Goshawk** *Accipiter poliocephalus*
(3) 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Eleva River 29.7 and 1 Eleva River 30.7.

**Papuan Harrier** *Circus spilothorax*
(2) 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8 and 2 Mount Hagen 6.8.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans affinis*
(7) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 10 Mount Hagen 1.8, up to 5 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2-3.8, 3 Rondon Ridge 4.8, 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8 and 2+2 heard Mount Hagen 6.8.

**Whistling Kite** *Haliastur sphenurus*
(4) 1 Eleva River 29.7, 1 Eleva River 30.7, 1 Mount Hagen 5.8 and 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus*
(15) 2 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 4+1 heard Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 2 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 2+2 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2+1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 27.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 4 Eleva River 29-30.7, 2+1 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7, 3 Kiunga 1.8, 3 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8, 1+1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8, 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
(1) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7.

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Rails, Crakes & Coots *Rallidae*

Buff-banded Rail  
*Gallirallus philippensis*  
(1) 1 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8.

Bare-eyed Rail (H)  
*Gymnocrex plumbeiventris plumbeiventris*  
(1) 1 heard Km 17 28.7.

Pale-vented Bush-hen  
*Amaurornis moluccana*  
(2) 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7 and 1 heard Kiunga 1.8.

Australasian Swamphen  
*Porphyrio melanotus*  
(2) 20 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 20 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

Dusky Moorhen  
*Gallinula tenebrosa*  
(2) 15 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

Red-backed Buttonquail  
*Turnix maculosus*  
(1) 1 Kiunga 1.8.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Masked Lapwing  
*Vanellus miles miles*  
(3) 20+10 heard Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 1 Port Moresby 24.7 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

Comb-crested Jacana  
*Irediparra gallinacea*  
(2) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 12 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*

New Guinea (Papuan) Woodcock  
*Scolopax rosenbergii*  
(1) 1 Kumul Lodge 1.8.

Common Sandpiper  
*Actitis hypoleucos*  
(1) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7.

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)  
*Columba livia var. domestica*  
(1) 5+5 heard Mount Hagen 6.8.

Metallic (White-throated) Pigeon  
*Columba vitiensis halmavíra*  
(2) 4 Varirata NP 23.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

Amboyna (Slender-billed) Cuckoo-Dove  
*Macropygia amboinensis*  
(13) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 4 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 3 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 4+2 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 3 Elevala River 29-30.7, 4 Boys' Town Rd 31.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8, 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 4 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 4 Rondon Ridge 5.8 and 4 Varirata NP 7.8.

Bar-tailed (Black-billed) Cuckoo-Dove  
*Macropygia nigrirostris*  
(1) 1 heard Rondon Ridge 4.8.

Great Cuckoo-Dove  
*Reinwardtina reinwardtii griseotincta*  
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Area 27.7, 12 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 15+2 heard Elevala River 29.7, 10+5 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7, 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8 and 4 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

**Ivory-billed (Greater Black) Coucal (H)** *Centropus menbeki menbeki*
(3) 1+1 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7 and up to 1 Elevala River 29-30.7.

**Black-billed (Lesser Black) Coucal** *Centropus bernsteinii*
(6) 3 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 1 heard Km 17 27.7, 1+1 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 1 heard Elevala River 30.7 and 1 heard Kiunga 1.8.

**Pheasant Coucal** *Centropus phasianinus*
(5) 2 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8, 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Dwarf Koel** *Microdynamis parva*
(1) 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Pacific Koel** *Eudynamys orientalis*
(6) 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 2 Elevala River 29.7, 1 heard Elevala River 30.7 and 1 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Channel-billed Cuckoo** *Scythrops novaehollandiae*
(1) 10 Elevala River 29.7.

**Long-billed Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx megarhynchus*
(1) 1 Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

**Rufous-throated Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx ruficollis*
(2) 1 heard Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**White-eared Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx meyerii*
(2) 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

**Little Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx minutillus poecilurus*
(3) 1 Tabubil 25.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7 and 1 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**White-crowned Cuckoo (Koel)** *Cacomantis leucolophus*
(1) 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo** *Cacomantis castaneiventris*
(5) 1 heard Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 27.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

**Fan-tailed Cuckoo** *Cacomantis flabelliformis excitus*
(3) 1+1 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Brush Cuckoo** *Cacomantis variolosus*
(6) 1 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 heard Km 17 28.7, 1 Kwatu Lodge 30.7, 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8 and 1 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8.

**Owls** *Strigidae*

**Barking Owl (Boobook)** *Ninox connivens assimilis*
(1) 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Papuan Boobook** *Ninox theomacha*
(2) 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Papuan Hawk-Owl (DD)** *Uroglaux dimorpha*
(1) 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

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Frogmouths Podargidae

**Marbled Frogmouth**
*Podargus ocellatus*
(1) 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

**Papuan Frogmouth**
*Podargus papuensis*
(3) 3 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 26.7 and 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

Owlet-Nightjars Aegotheilidae

**Feline Owlet-Nightjar (H)**
*Aegotheles insignis*
(1) 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Wallace's Owlet-nightjar (DD)**
*Aegotheles wallacii*
(1) 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

**Mountain Owlet-Nightjar**
*Aegotheles albertisi*
(1) 1 Kumul Lodge 1.8.

**Barred Owlet-Nightjar**
*Aegotheles bennettii*
(1) 1 Varirata NP 23.7.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

**Moustached Treeswift**
*Hemiprocne mystacea*
(5) 6 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 4 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, up to 6 Ok Menga Area 26-27.7 and 1 Kiunga 28.7.

Swifts Apodidae

**Glossy Swiftlet**
*Collocalia esculenta*
(11) 30 Varirata NP 23.7, 10 Tabobil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 20+15 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 10+5 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 10 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 3 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 10+15 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, up to 20 Rondon Ridge 4-6.8 and 20 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Mountain Swiftlet**
*Aerodramus hirundinaceus hirundinaceus*
(6) Up to 10 Kumul Lodge 1-2.8, 20+30 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8 and up to 30 Rondon Ridge 4-6.8.

**Uniform Swiftlet**
*Aerodramus vanikorensis*
(10) 60+20 heard Tabobil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 30+40 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, up to 40 Ok Menga Area 26-27.7, 30+10 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 50+20 heard Esevala River 29.7, 30+80 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7, 40+20 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7, 30 Kiunga 1.8 and 5 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Papuan Spine-tailed Swift (Spine-tail)**
*Mearnsia novaeguineae*
(6) 1 Tabobil - Kiunga Road 27.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 6 Esevala River 29-30.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 1 Kiunga 1.8.

Rollers Coraciidae

**Oriental Dollarbird**
*Eurystomus orientalis*

**Hook-billed Kingfisher**
*Melidora macrorhina*

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Australian Hobby  
*Falco longipennis longipennis*
(1) 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8.

Brown Falcon  
*Falco berigora novaeguineae*
(2) 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8.

Cockatoos *Cacatuidae*

Palm Cockatoo  
*Probosciger aterrimus*
(3) 3 Elevala River 29.7, 1 Elevala River 30.7 and 2 Boys’ Town Rd 31.7.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo  
*Cacatua galerita triton*
(8) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 1 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 3 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 27.7, up to 10 Elevala River 29-30.7 and 4 Varirata NP 7.8.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Pesquet’s (New Guinea Vulturine) Parrot (VU)  
*Psittrichas fulgidus*
(5) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 27.7 and 2 Elevala River 30.7.

Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot  
*Micropsitta keiensis keiensis*
(4) 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 2 Boys’ Town Rd 28.7 and 4 Boys’ Town Rd 31.7.

Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot  
*Micropsitta pusio*
(1) 1 Varirata NP 23.7.

Red-breasted Pygmy Parrot  
*Micropsitta bruijni*
(3) 1 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 4 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Papuan King Parrot  
*Alisterus chloropterus*
(1) 1 Boys’ Town Rd 28.7.

Eclectus Parrot  
*Eclectus roratus*
(10) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, up to 4 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24-26.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 2 Boys’ Town Rd 28.7, up to 15 Elevala River 29-30.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

Red-cheeked Parrot  
*Geoffroyus geoffroyi*
(9) 6 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 10 Varirata NP 23.7, up to 20 Elevala River 29-30.7, 10 Boys’ Town Rd 31.7, 4 Kiunga 1.8, 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 20 Varirata NP 7.8.

Blue-collared Parrot  
*Geoffroyus simplex buergersi*
(2) 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 heard Ok Menga Area 27.7.

Brehm's Tiger Parrot  
*Psittacella brehmi*
(4) Up to 3 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8.

Plum-faced (Whiskered) Lorikeet  
*Oreopsittacus arfaki grandis*
(4) Up to 12 Kumul Lodge 1-2.8, 10 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 12 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Red-flanked Lorikeet  
*Charmosyna placentis*
(3) 4 Varirata NP 23.7, 4 Boys’ Town Rd 28.7 and 12 Boys’ Town Rd 31.7.

Fairy Lorikeet  
*Charmosyna pulchella*
(1) 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7.

Papuan (Stella’s) Lorikeet  
*Charmosynia papou*
(2) 4 Kumul Lodge 1.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8.

Yellow-billed Lorikeet  
*Neopsittacus musselschenbroekii*
(3) 3 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 10 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 10 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Orange-billed Lorikeet  
*Neopsittacus pullicauda*

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(3) 3 Kumul Lodge 2.8, 6 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

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

(9) 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2+2 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 27.7, 4 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 5 Elevala River 29-30.7, 6 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 6 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Yellowish-streaked (Greater Streaked) Lory**  
*Chalcopsitta scintillata*

(4) 12 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 8 Elevala River 29.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 5 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Dusky Lory**  
*Pseudeos fuscata*

(3) 200 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 100 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7 and 100 Ok Menga Area 26.7.

**Coconut Lorikeet**  
*Trichoglossus haematodus*


**Large Fig Parrot**  
*Psittaculirostris desmarestii*

(2) 2 Elevala River 29.7 and 3 Elevala River 30.7.

**Orange-breasted Fig Parrot**  
*Cyclopsitta guielmitertii*

(7) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 1+1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 15 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 20 Elevala River 29-30.7 and 10 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Double-eyed Fig Parrot**  
*Cyclopsitta diophthalma*

(4) 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 2 Elevala River 29.7, 4 Elevala River 30.7 and 4 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Orange-fronted (Papuan) Hanging Parrot**  
*Loriculus aurantiifrons meeki*

(1) 3 Tabubil 25.7.

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**Pittas Pittidae**

**Papuan (Red-bellied) Pitta (H)**  
*Erythropitta macklotii*

(1) 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

**Hooded Pitta**  
*Pitta sordida novaeguineae*

(3) 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 1 Elevala River 30.7.

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**Bowerbirds Ptilonorhynchidae**

**Ochre-breasted (White-eared) Catbird (H)**  
*Ailuroedus stonii*

(1) 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7.

**MacGregor's Bowerbird**  
*Amblyornis macgregoriae*

(2) 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Flame Bowerbird**  
*Sericulus ardens*

(3) 3 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 2 Elevala River 30.7 and 3 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Yellow-breasted Bowerbird**  
*Chlamydera lauterbachii*

(1) 2 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8.

**Fawn-breasted Bowerbird**  
*Chlamydera cervininventris*

(2) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 12 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

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**Fairywrens Maluridae**

**Wallace's Fairywren**  
*Sipodotus wallacii*

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(2) 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

**Emperor Fairywren** *Malurus cyanopephalus*
(1) 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7.

**White-shouldered Fairywren** *Malurus alboscopulatus*
(6) 2+1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 27.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8, 8+4 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Rockjumper Birding Tours**
10 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 15 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Rufous-banded Honeyeater** *Conopophila albogularis*
(2) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Black-throated Honeyeater** *Caligavis subfrenata*
(3) 2+1 heard Kumul Lodge 2.8, 4 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 6 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Obscure Honeyeater** *Caligavis obscura*
(1) 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7.

**Yellow-browed Melidectes** *Melidectes rufocrissalis*
(3) 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8, 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 4 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Belford’s Melidectes** *Melidectes belfordi*
(3) Up to 12 Kumul Lodge 1-2.8 and 12 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8.

**Ornate Melidectes** *Melidectes torquatus*
(3) 1 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 4 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8.

**Yellow-tinted Honeyeater** *Ptilotula flavescens flavescens*
(1) 2 Pacific Adventist University 22.7.

**Mountain Honeyeater** *Meliphaga orientalis*
(4) 1 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 5 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7 and 1 heard Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8.

**Scrub Honeyeater** *Meliphaga albonotata*
(4) 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 2 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Km 17 27.7.

**Mimic Honeyeater** *Meliphaga analoga*

**Elegant Honeyeater** *Meliphaga cinereifrons*
(1) 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Puff-backed Honeyeater** *Meliphaga aruensis*
(1) 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

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**Australasian Warblers Acanthizidae**

**Rusty Mouse-Warbler** *Crateroscelis murina*
(5) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

**Mountain Mouse-Warbler** *Crateroscelis robusta*
(3) 2 Kumul Lodge 2.8, 1 Kumul Lodge 3.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Pale-billed Scrubwren** *Sericornis spilodera*
(2) 1 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7 and 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 27.7.

**Papuan Scrubwren** *Sericornis papuensis*
(4) 4 Kumul Lodge 2.8, 2 Kumul Lodge 3.8, 15 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 10 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Large Scrubwren** *Sericornis nouhuysi*
(3) 4 Kumul Lodge 1.8, 4 Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Buff-faced Scrubwren** *Sericornis perspicillatus*
(2) 6 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 10 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Brown-breasted (Treefern) Gerygone** *Gerygone ruficollis*
(4) 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 4+4 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

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Large-billed Gerygone  
*Gerygone magnirostris*

(1) 2 Kwatu Lodge 29.7.

Yellow-bellied Gerygone  
*Gerygone chrysogaster chrysogaster*

(5) 1 Boys’ Town Rd 28.7, 3 Kwatu Lodge 29.7, 1 heard Elevela River 30.7, 2 Boys’ Town Rd 31.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

Green-backed Gerygone  
*Gerygone chloronota chloronota*

(6) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 heard Tabubil 26.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 1 heard Boys’ Town Rd 31.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

Fairy Gerygone  
*Gerygone palpebrosa*

(6) 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 29.7, 1 heard Elevela River 30.7, 1 heard Boys’ Town Rd 31.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

Grey Thornbill (Gerygone)  
*Acanthiza cinerea*

(2) 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Pseudo-Babblers Pomatostomidae**

Papuan (Rufous) Babbler  
*Garritornis isidorei*

(2) 6 Elevela River 30.7.

**Satinbirds Cnemophilidae**

Loria’s Satinbird  
*Cnemophilus loriae*

(1) 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8.

Crested Satinbird  
*Cnemophilus macgregorii*

(2) 3 Kumul Lodge 1.8 and 2 Kumul Lodge 2.8.

**Berrypeckers and Longbills Melanocharitidae**

Obscure Berrypecker (DD)  
*Melanocharis arfakiana*

(2) 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

Black Berrypecker  
*Melanocharis nigra*

(3) 8 Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Boys’ Town Rd 28.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

Fan-tailed Berrypecker  
*Melanocharis versteri*

(2) 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 6.8.

Dwarf Longbill  
*Oedistoma iliolophus*

(3) 1 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

Pygmy Longbill  
*Oedistoma pygmaeum*

(1) 2 Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

Yellow-bellied Longbill  
*Toxorhamphus novaeguineae*

(1) 1 Elevela River 29.7.

Slaty-headed (-chinned) Longbill  
*Toxorhamphus poliopterus*

(2) 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

**Tit Berrypecker and Crested Berrypecker Paramythiidae**

Tit Berrypecker  
*Oreocharis arfaki*

(1) 2 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8.

Crested Berrypecker  
*Paramythia montium montium*

(2) 2 Kumul Lodge 1.8 and 2 Kumul Lodge 2.8.
Whipbirds, Jewel-babblers and Quail-thruses *Psophodidae*

**Blue Jewel-babbler**  
Ptilorrhoa caerulescens  
(1) 1+2 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Chestnut-backed Jewel-babbler**  
Ptilorrhoa castanonota  
(3) 1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Painted Quail-thrush**  
Cinclosoma ajax  
(2) 1 Varirata NP 23.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Boatbills *Machaerirhynchidae***

**Black-breasted Boatbill**  
Machaerirhynchus nigripectus  
(3) 4+1 heard Kumul Lodge 2.8, 3 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 2 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Woodswallows, Butcherbirds and allies *Artamidae***

**White-breasted Woodswallow**  
Artamus leucorynchus leucopygialis  
(2) 15 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Great Woodswallow**  
Artamus maximus  
(2) Up to 5 Tabubil 25-26.7.

**Lowland Peltops**  
Peltops blainvillii  
(3) 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 1 Kwatu Lodge 30.7 and 2 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Mountain Peltops**  
Peltops montanus  
(2) 4 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7 and 4 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

**Black Butcherbird**  
Melloria quoyi  
(6) 1 heard Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 1+1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, up to 3 Ok Menga Area 26-27.7 and 1+1 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7.

**Black-backed Butcherbird**  
Cracticus mentalis mentalis  
(3) 4 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 3 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Hooded Butcherbird**  
Cracticus cassicus  
(8) 4 Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 2 Km 17 27.7, 1 heard Boys’ Town Rd 28.7, 10+2 heard Elevala River 29.7, 4+6 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7 and 6 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Mottled Whistler *Rhagologidae***

**Mottled Berryhunter (Whistler)**  
Rhagologus leucostigma obscurus  
(3) 2 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***

**Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike**  
Coracina novaehollandiae melanops  
(5) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 6 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 4 Kiunga 1.8 and 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Stout-billed Cuckoo-shrike**  
Coracina caeruleogrisea  
(2) 3 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Barred Cuckoo-shrike**  
Coracina lineata  
(2) 4 Varirata NP 23.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Boyer's Cuckoo-shrike**  
Coracina boyeri  
(5) 6 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 3 Elevala River 29.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 6 Varirata NP 7.8.

**White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike**  
Coracina papuensis
(3) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 4 Varirata NP 23.7 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Common Cicadabird**
*Coracina tenuirostris*
(1) 1 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Black-shouldered Cicadabird (Cuckooshrike)**
*Coracina incerta*
(1) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7.

**Grey-headed Cuckooshrike**
*Coracina schisticeps*
(6) 3 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 6 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 3 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 6+2 heard Boys’ Town Rd 28.7 and up to 10 Elevela River 29-30.7.

**Black Cicadabird (Papuan Cuckooshrike)**
*Coracina melas melas*
(1) 2 Varirata NP 23.7.

**Golden Cuckooshrike**
*Campochaera sloetii*
(4) 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 2 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 2 Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

**Varied Triller**
*Lalage leucomela*

**Ploughbill**
*Eulacestomatidae*

**Wattled Ploughbill**
*Eulacestoma nigropectus*
(3) 1 heard Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 3 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Australo-Papuan Bellbirds**
*Oreoicidae*

**Rufous-naped Bellbird (Whistler)**
*Aleadryas rufinucha*
(4) Up to 2 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Piping Bellbird (Crested Pitohui) (H)**
*Ornorectes cristatus*
(2) 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

**Whistlers and allies**
*Pachycephalidae*

**Black Pitohui**
*Melanorectes nigrescens*
(2) 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Rusty Whistler**
*Pachycephala hyperythra*
(1) 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

**Brown-backed Whistler**
*Pachycephala modesta*
(2) 1+1 heard Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Grey Whistler**
*Pachycephala simplex*
(4) 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 27.7 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Sclater's Whistler**
*Pachycephala soror*
(2) 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Regent Whistler**
*Pachycephala schlegelii*
(4) Up to 1 Kumul Lodge 1-2.8, 3 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Black-headed Whistler**
*Pachycephala monacha lugubris*
(2) 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8.

**White-bellied Whistler**
*Pachycephala leucogastra*
(1) 1 Varirata NP 23.7.

**White-bellied Pitohui (Shrikethrush)**
*Pseudorectes incertus*
(2) 6 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 1 heard Elevela River 30.7.

**Rusty Pitohui**
*Pseudorectes ferrugineus*


(1) 1 Varirata NP 7.8.  
**Little Shrikethrush**  \( \text{Colluricincla megarhyncha} \)  
(3) 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7.  
**Grey Shrikethrush**  \( \text{Colluricincla harmonica superciliosa} \)  
(6) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Kiunga 1.8, 1 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.  

**Shrikes Laniidae**  
**Long-tailed Shrike**  \( \text{Lanius schach stresemanni} \)  
(3) 4+2 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 1 Rondón Ridge 4.8 and 3 Mount Hagen 5.8.  

**Old World Orioles Oriolidae**  
**Australasian Figbird**  \( \text{Sphecotheres vieilloti salvadorii} \)  
(2) 20 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 20 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.  
**Southern Variable Pitohui**  \( \text{Pitohui uropygialis} \)  
(2) 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7 and 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7.  
**Hooded Pitohui**  \( \text{Pitohui dichrous} \)  
(4) 6 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.  
**Brown Oriole**  \( \text{Oriolus szalayi} \)  
(9) 5 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 3 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7, 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.  

**Drongos Dicruridae**  
**Spangled Drongo**  \( \text{Dicrurus bracteatus} \)  
(8) 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 12 Elevala River 29-30.7, 4 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 4 Varirata NP 7.8.  

**Fantails Rhipiduridae**  
**Willie Wagtail (Fantail)**  \( \text{Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca} \)  
(16) 10+8 heard Port Moresby 22.7, 4 Between Port Moresby & Varirata NP 23.7, 24+2 heard Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, up to 5 Tabubil 25-27.7, 2 Kiunga 28.7, up to 10 Elevala River 29-30.7, 4 Kiunga 31.7, 4 Kiunga 1.8, 2+4 heard Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8, 3 Rondon Ridge 4.8, 2 Rondon Ridge 5.8, 2+6 heard Mount Hagen 6.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.  
**Northern Fantail**  \( \text{Rhipidura rufiventris} \)  
(1) 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7.  
**Sooty Thicket Fantail (H)**  \( \text{Rhipidura threnothorax threnothorax} \)  
(1) 1 heard Varirata NP 23.7.  
**White-bellied Thicket Fantail**  \( \text{Rhipidura leucothorax} \)  
(6) 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 1 heard Elevala River 30.7.  
**Black Fantail**  \( \text{Rhipidura atra atra} \)  
(3) 1 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.  
**Chestnut-bellied Fantail**  \( \text{Rhipidura hpyerythra} \)  
(1) 3 Varirata NP 23.7.

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Friendly Fantail  
*Rhipidura albolimbata*  
(5) Up to 5 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8, 10 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 10 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Dimorphic Fantail  
*Rhipidura brachyrhyncha*  
(2) 1+2 heard Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Drongo Fantail (Pygmy Drongo)  
*Chaetorhynchus papuensis*  
(1) 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

**Monarchs** *Monarchidae*

Black Monarch  
*Symposiachrus axillaris fallax*  
(2) 1 Varirata NP 23.7 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Spot-winged Monarch  
*Symposiachrus guttula*  
(3) 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

Hooded Monarch  
*Symposiachrus manadensis*  
(2) 2 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 1 heard Eleva River 30.7.

Black-faced Monarch  
*Monarcha melanopsis*  
(1) 1 Varirata NP 23.7.

Golden Monarch  
*Carterornis chrysomela*  
(2) 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7 and 4 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

Frilled Monarch  
*Arses telescophthalmus*  

Torrent-lark  
*Grallina bruijnii*  
(1) 2 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7.

Shining Flycatcher (Monarch)  
*Myiagra alecto*  
(2) 5+10 heard Eleva River 29.7 and 2+10 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies** *Corvidae*

Grey Crow  
*Corvus tristis*  
(5) 20 Varirata NP 23.7, 8 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 4+2 heard Eleva River 29.7 and 3 Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

Torresian Crow  
*Corvus orru orru*  
(5) 6 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 4 Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 6 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 10 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Lesser Melampitta** *Melampitta lugubris*  
(3) 1 Kumul Lodge 1.8, 1 Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 4.8.

**Ifrita** *Ifritidae*

Blue-capped Ifrit (Ifrita)  
*Ifrita kowaldi*  
(4) 4 Kumul Lodge 1.8, 2 Kumul Lodge 2.8, 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Birds-of-paradise** *Paradisaeidae*

Glossy-mantled Manucode  
*Manucodia ater*  
(5) 1 heard Varirata NP 23.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, up to 12 Eleva River 29-30.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

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Crinkle-collared Manucode  
Manucodia chalybatus  
(4) 1 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 3 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 2 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

Trumpet Manucode  
Phonygammus keraudrenii  
(3) 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 28.7 and 1 Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

Ribbon-tailed Astrapia (NT)  
Astrapia mayeri  
(3) Up to 5 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8.

Princess Stephanie's Astrapia  
Astrapia stephaniae  
(2) 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Queen Carola's Parotia  
Parotia carolae  
(1) 6 Daoblin Creek Rd 25.7.

King of Saxony Bird-of-paradise  
Pteridophora alberti  
(3) 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Superb Bird-of-paradise  
Lophorina superba  
(4) 1 Daoblin Creek Rd 25.7, 3 Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8, 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Magnificent Riflebird  
Ptiloris magnificus magnificus  
(5) 1 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 1 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7 and 1 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

Growling Riflebird  
Ptiloris intercedens  
(2) 4 Varirata NP 23.7 and 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

Black Sicklebill  
Epimachus fastosus  
(2) 1 heard Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Brown Sicklebill  
Epimachus meyeri  
(5) Up to 3 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8, 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Magnificent Bird-of-paradise  
Diphyllodes magnificus  
(3) 3 Daoblin Creek Rd 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 Ok Menga Area 27.7.

King Bird-of-paradise  
Cicinnurus regius  
(4) 1 Km 17 28.7, 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 1 heard Eleva River 30.7.

Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise  
Seleucidis melanoleucus  
(2) 1 Fly River 29.7 and 1+2 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

Greater Bird-of-paradise  
Paradisaea apoda  
(7) 1 heard Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, 8 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 1 Km 17 27.7, 5+4 heard Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 2 Eleva River 29.7, 2 Eleva River 30.7 and 4+3 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

Raggiana Bird-of-paradise  
Paradisaea raggiana  
(4) 8 Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Km 17 27.7, 1 Boys' Town Rd 31.7 and 10 Varirata NP 7.8.

Lesser Bird-of-paradise  
Paradisaea minor minor  
(1) 1 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8.

Blue Bird-of-paradise (VU)  
Paradisaea rudolphi  
(1) 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8.

Australasian Robins  
Petroicidae

Ashy (Black-capped) Robin  
Heteromyias albispecularis armiti  
(1) 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8.

Black-sided Robin  
Poecilodryas hypoleuca  
(2) 1 Kwatu Lodge 29.7 and 1 heard Eleva River 30.7.

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Black-throated Robin  
Poecilodryas albonotata
(1) 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

White-winged Robin  
Peneothello sigillata
(3) Up to 5 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8.

Slaty Robin  
Peneothello cyanus
(2) 2 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 3 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

White-rumped Robin (H)  
Peneothello bimaculata
(3) 1 heard Dablin Creek Rd 25.7, 1 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7 and 1 heard Ok Menga Area 27.7.

White-faced Robin  
Tregellas leucops
(2) 1 Varirata NP 23.7 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

Torrent Flyrobin (Flycatcher)  
Monachella muelleriana
(3) 2 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 24.7, 3 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7 and 4+2 heard Ok Menga Area 26.7.

Canary Flyrobin (Flycatcher)  
Microeca papuana
(3) 3 Kumul Lodge 2.8, 4 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 4 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Olive Flyrobin (Flycatcher)  
Microeca flavovirescens
(1) 1 Varirata NP 7.8.

Lemon-bellied Flyrobin (Flycatcher)  
Microeca flavigaster
(1) 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

Garnet Robin  
Eugerygone rubra
(2) 1 heard Kumul Lodge 2.8 and 1 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Papuan (Northern) Scrub Robin (H)  
Drymodes beccarii
(2) 1 heard Varirata NP 23.7 and 1 heard Varirata NP 7.8.

Lesser Ground Robin  
Amalocichla incerta brevicauda
(2) 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Swallows Hirundinidae**

Pacific Swallow  
Hirundo tahitica
(13) 10 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 5 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, up to 10 Tabubil 25-26.7, 4 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 27.7, 10 Elevala River 29.7, 6 Elevala River 30.7, 2 Kiunga 31.7, 4 Kiunga 1.8, 10+10 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 5 Rondon Ridge 4.8, 10 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 10 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Leaf warblers and allies Phylloscopidae**

Island Leaf Warbler  
Phylloscopus maforensis
(2) 10 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 12 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Grassbirds and allies Locustellidae**

Papuan (Tawny) Grassbird  
Megalurus macrurus
(3) 1+1 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 1 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 1 heard Rondon Ridge 5.8.

**Cisticolas and allies Cisticolidae**

Golden (Bright)-headed Cisticola  
Cisticola exilis
(2) 1 Kiunga 1.8 and 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.
White-eyes Zosteropidae

**Black-fronted White-eye**
Zosterops minor
(1) 6 Varirata NP 23.7.

**Capped White-eye**
Zosterops fuscicapilla
(1) 40 Dablin Creek Rd 25.7.

**Papuan White-eye**
Zosterops novaeguineae
(3) 20+10 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8, 10 Rondon Ridge 4.8 and 10 Rondon Ridge 5.8.

Starlings Sturnidae

**Metallic Starling**
Aplonis metallica
(4) 60 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, up to 50 Fly River 29-30.7 and 40 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Yellow-eyed Starling (NT)**
Aplonis mystacea
(5) 100 Km 17 27.7, 1 heard Km 17 28.7, 2 Elevala River 29.7, 10 Kwatu Lodge 30.7 and 50+60 heard Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Singing Starling**
Aplonis cantoroides
(2) 4 Pacific Adventist University 22.7 and 2 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Yellow-faced Myna**
Mino dumontii
(11) 20 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 4 Varirata NP 23.7, 2 Tabubil - Kiunga Road 24.7, 2 Ok Menga Hydro Powerplant 25.7, up to 4 Ok Menga Area 26-27.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 10+4 heard Elevala River 29.7, 4+6 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7, 6 Pacific Adventist University 6.8 and 6 Varirata NP 7.8.

**Golden Myna**
Mino anais
(2) 2+4 heard Fly River 29.7 and 3+4 heard Kwatu Lodge 30.7.

Thruses and Allies Turdidae

**Island Thrush**
Turdus poliocephalus
(3) Up to 4 Kumul Lodge 1-3.8.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

**Pied Bush Chat**
Saxicola caprata
(6) 1 Tabubil 26.7, 1 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8, 4+2 heard Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8 and up to 5 Rondon Ridge 4-6.8.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae

**Red-capped (Papuan) Flowerpecker**
Dicaeum geelvinkianum
(8) 2 Varirata NP 23.7, 2+2 heard Dabin Creek Rd 25.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 26.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 10 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 4 Boys' Town Rd 31.7, 4+2 heard Forests below Kumul Lodge 3.8 and 2 Varirata NP 7.8.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

**Black Sunbird**
Leptocoma aspasia
(6) 1 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, 2 Ok Menga Area 27.7, 2 Boys' Town Rd 28.7, 4 Elevala River 29.7, 2 Kwatu Lodge 30.7 and 4 Boys' Town Rd 31.7.

**Olive-backed Sunbird**
Cinnyris jugularis

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(2) 1 Kiunga 31.7 and 2 Kiunga 1.8.

**Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus domesticus*
(1) 1 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*
(8) 20 Pacific Adventist University 22.7, up to 20 Tabubil 25-27.7, 20 Kiunga 28.7, up to 30 Kiunga 31-1.8 and 30 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Waxbills, Munias and allies *Estrildidae***

**Mountain Firetail** *Oreostruthus fuliginosus*
(2) 2 Kumul Lodge 1.8 and 1 Kumul Lodge 2.8.

**Blue-faced Parrotfinch** *Erythrura trichroa*
(1) 4 Forests below Kumul Lodge 2.8.

**White-spotted Mannikin (Munia)** *Lonchura leucosticta*
(1) 4 Kiunga 1.8.

**Grey-headed Mannikin (Munia)** *Lonchura caniceps*
(1) 50 Pacific Adventist University 6.8.

**Hooded Mannikin (Munia)** *Lonchura spectabilis*
(1) 20 Lai River Bridge, Highlands Highway 3.8.

**Mammals (3 in total: 3 seen)**

**Short-furred Dasyure** *Murexia longicaudata*
(1) 1 Kumul Lodge 2.8.

**Speckled Dasyure** *Neophascogale lorentzii*
(1) 1 Kumul Lodge 2.8.

**Great Flying Fox** *Pteropus neohibernicus*
(2) 5+10 heard Fly River 29.7 and 2 Elevala River 30.7.

**Bat sp.**
Several unidentified species of bat flying about at various sites at dusk.

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