

West Papua 2022

West Papua was a former Dutch colony called “Nederlands Nieuw Guinea”. Since 1962, West Papua is a province of Indonesia. I visited West Papua just after the Covid pandemic, and no tourists had visited West Papua for one or two years. It is difficult to describe the trip in a few words. As in Papua New Guinea, the birds are very shy and hunted for food and aviary. Forests suffer from deforestation and are very inaccessible. Trails are steep, wet, muddy, dangerous, and slippery. Hot and humid in the lowlands, freezing at sunrise in the highlands. Leeches in the lowlands of the mainland, bird hides are dark, uncomfortable and swarming with mosquitos. We saw some stunning birds, including a male Splendid Astrapia, displaying (dancing) males Western Parotia, Wilson’s Bird-of-paradise, MacGregor’s Honeyeater, four species of Owlet-nightjars, Geelvink and Red-breasted Pygmy Parrots, and close views of a strolling Pheasant Pigeon. The bird pictures shown were all made by Pete Morris, the bird guide (Birdquest).

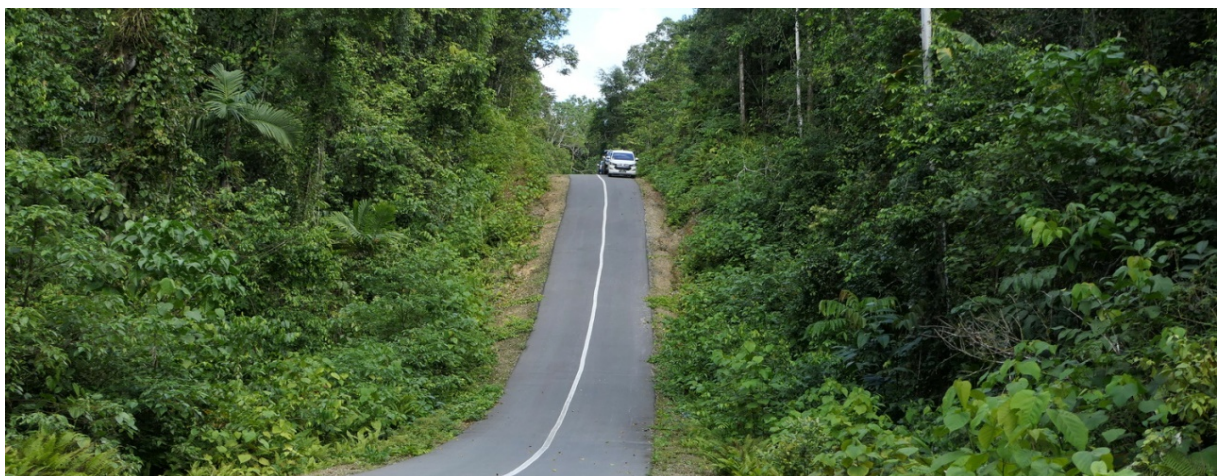


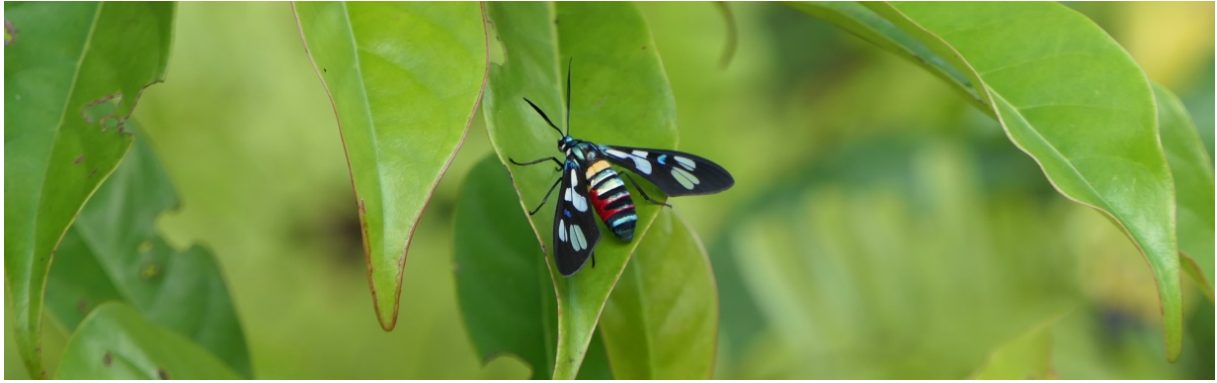
July 1. Arrived at Schiphol Airport at 10.00. Dropped my luggage at Emirates, passed security and passport control at 13.30. Wearing a facemask to reduce the risk of catching Covid. Lunch of coffee and sausage roll, bought a new Steven King. Boarded at 14.30. My first ever flight in an Airbus A380. The plane to Dubai left three hours late with four hours to catch the connection flight to Djakarta.

July 2. Upon arrival at Dubai, I had two hours to catch the connecting flight to Djakarta, which was also delayed. Slept a few hours in the plane despite a tight “in-between” seat. To enter Indonesia, my Covid vaccination proofs had to be uploaded beforehand, using an Indonesia app. The app didn’t work, however, and hence I had no formal permission to enter. Fortunately, my printed vaccination proofs were sufficient, and I collected a required stamp on my (next) boarding card. The entering visa was also arranged in a few minutes. Collected luggage and took a train to the rather shabby Domestic terminal. Took a while to find a restaurant serving noodles instead of chocolate cookies, cockroaches walking on the counter. The alcohol-free Bintang beer was disgusting. Later tonight the connecting flight to Biak (West Papua).

July 3. After a last-minute gate change, the final flight to Biak, with a stop over at Makassar (Sulawesi, previously called Celebes). At the airport of Makassar we had to leave the plane. A security check. a new boarding card, and then entered the same plane with the same flight number, and (again) sitting at the same seat. Arrived at Biak around 07.00, pouring rain. The hotel is opposite the airport, at the Geelvink Bay. Humid and warm. No birds, fine room, cold shower. Breakfast with noodles, rice, nasi, spicy fish, and very strong but tasty coffee. Sparrows cleaning the spoons. Slept a few hours during the day. Dinner with nasi, egg, a few fried prawns, vegetables, krupuk and Bintang beer. During dinner I heard that our visit to Wamena was at risk. Local violence, a policeman had been shot.

July 4. Slept well. Rain stopped. Walked in the hotel gardens. Sacred Kingfisher and Willie Wagtail. Breakfast from 04.00. Today the last tour members arrived at 07.00, but without the main luggage of Uhlrich. Peter Morris, our tour leader, never visited West Papua due to a last-minute tour leader change. Malerone, sunblock, and boots. Warm, sunny and humid. Left at 07.30 to visit a patch of secondary forest. Returned for lunch, followed by siesta and visiting another patch of forest. Best birds were Geelvink Pygmy Parrot and Biak Paradise Kingfisher. Large Tree Frog outside my room, which was chased some local boys.





July 5. Breakfast at 06.30, left for Numfor at 07.00. Couldn't sleep last night (jetlag), repacked luggage at 00.30 and fell asleep at 02.00 or 02.30. Up at 05.30, breakfast, and at 07.00 left for the boat, leaving most of the luggage behind at Biak. Speedboat with three engines, 200 HP each. About two-and-a-half hours to Numfor. Slept in a comfortable chair, and saw some Lesser Frigatebirds. Arrived around 11.00, followed by an uncomfortable drive of about one hour to the place we stayed overnight, for lunch and siesta.



Another hour of driving to a forest for the Numfor Paradise Kingfisher. Brief views of a Biak Scrubfowl crossing the road. Over 30 °C, no wind and almost 100% humidity, sweaty. A rain shower this afternoon. Didn't feel well during the morning, probably due to the malerone I took during breakfast.

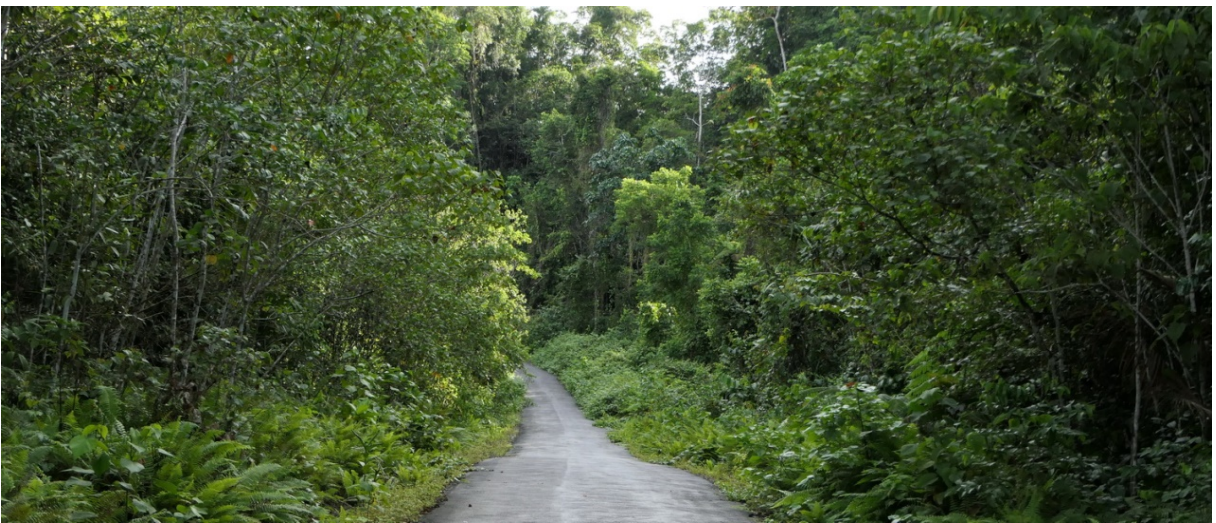
Couldn't use the mosquito net last night since there wasn't a nail or screw. Put the fan at high speed, hope the generator won't be switched.

July 6. Despite the fan, suffered from heat, barking dogs and jet-lag. Awake at 03.00. Alarm set at 04.20. I didn't hear the alarm and overslept until 04.35. Few cups of 3-in-1 instant coffee and sandwiches with peanut butter. Nice views of a Papuan Frogmouth on a palm leave. Birding in a forest after driving about one hour, Biak Scrubfowl. Back to the guesthouse, bumpy road, got our stuff, and drove again for an hour to the harbour. Numfor is much smaller and nicer than Biak. Little white churches, everything clean and tidy. By boat to Biak, where we arrived around 13.00. We were on the boat for about three hours, rough weather with showers and wind. Several Booby's, Terns, Shearwaters, etc. Lunch. Drove to a patch of forest, but we didn't see much, and returned about 18.30, had dinner and went to the hotel. Room 208. Did some washing, tried to sleep, tomorrow we leave at 05.00.



July 7. Full day of bird watching, forest and mangroves at Biak. Biak Whistler and Biak Monarch, great views of a pair Emperor Fairywrens. The mangroves are extensive, dead tree trunks in the water, people fishing and logging. Birds included Osprey and Great-billed Heron. Black-capped Lory's in the afternoon. Slept well, heard a Tjitjak in my room. View on the Geelvink Bay from my room.





July 8. Biak, 06.20, plane leaving at 07.50. Within 15 minutes from our hotel into plane. Alarm went off when I passed airport security, but there was nobody to check me. A one hour flight to Sentani, near Jayapura. Great hotel and excellent shower, even a water heater. Made myself two cups of Nescafé, apparently you get used to everything. From 10.00 to 12.30 Pete and Uhlrich went out trying to buy a backpack and clothing, meanwhile treating my chigger bites, replacing band aids, etc. In the afternoon bird watching at a local track in some grass land, hot and two new species of endemic Munias. Great views on the forested Cyclops Mountains, walked along Sentani Lake. Both Sentani and Jayapura suffer from traffic jams, traffic lights, cars and especially motor bikes. The village elder, an old guy on a red motor bike, kept watching us all afternoon. People chewing betel nuts, which are for sold everywhere along the road. Diner of white rice, vegetables, meat and fruit. Breakfast at 06.00 tomorrow and then to Wamena, our starting point for the Baliem Valley and highlands.

July 9 Wamena, 20.10. Morning flight from Jayapura to Wamena, the major town of the Baliem Valley, named after the Baliem river. Upon arrival at the airport we saw an old guy wearing a koketa. Still not cold but definitely cooler. The Baliem Valley is at about 1,600 meter elevation. Bird watching along the entrance road and near the Baliem Valley Resort, which reminded me of Ambua. Papuan Harrier, Eastern Grass Owl, Baliem Whistler, and brief and distant views of Greater Lophorina, the

first Bird-of-paradise seen. Also Wamena has entered the 21st century with 4WDs and tarmac roads, but also still quite some grass huts. Better developed and organized than Papua New Guinea.

July 10 Alarm clock at 02.45, left at 03.30. I hadn't realized (and neither had the others) how cold it can be above 3,000 meter in the early morning. Also no head torch. Neither Archbold's Nightjar nor New Guinea Woodcock showed up at the first and very cold stop. To get there, we had to climb an almost vertical muddy and very slippery slope in the dark. Drove on to Lake Habbema. Beautiful scenery and vegetation. Walked for 5-6 hours, not yet acclimatized to the altitude of 3,200-3,300 meter. Fine weather, when driving back pouring rain. Tomorrow essentially the same program, but we will start 15 minutes later. To bed at 19.00, alarm clock at 03.00. Boots a must today. Walking in wet fields of sphagnum, mud, and river beds. Tough walk.







July 11. Up at 03.00, left at 03.45. Stopped at the Archbold's Nightjar spot at 05.00. Icebreaker under my jacket and a head torch. Lessons learned. Still cold and shivering. Poor views of a New Guinea Woodcock in flight. Followed by a steep, slippery and muddy trail into the valley. Great views. Slipped and a stick or stone went through my trousers. Cleaned the leg wound using hand gel. Birds were more cooperative than yesterday, elevation 3,200 – 3,300 meter. Finally, after hours of walking, we saw a few McGregor's Honeyeaters, huge and magnificent in flight as well as when perched in the lichen-covered trees. While standing on an steep and slippery slope, one hand around a tree to secure myself from slipping down, I had great views of a male Splendid Astrapia. Also good views of Plum-faced Lorikeet and Greater Ground Robin. Beautiful weather and a picnic lunch of 3-in-1 and chocolate to warm a bit. Afternoon walk along the road to Wamena, at an elevation of about 2,500 meter. Nice views of Western Alpine Munia and two Papuan Lorikeets.



Our group has six participants and one guide. We have two 4WD pick-up trucks (which should have been three), and there are at least 10-12 locals. All males, most chewing betel nuts, including the two drivers, Scorpio, a local birding guide, a local tour operator, and porters who take care of our field lunches and hot drinks. The new and sealed tarmac road from Wamena to Lake Habbema is in prime condition, which is convenient for us but also offers loggers easy access to the roadside forests. To bed around 20.00.



July 12. Slept well until 03.30, left 04.30. A drive of about one hour to about 3,200 meter, towards Lake Habbema. Heard chain saws and saw huts of loggers. Birding wasn't easy, occasionally fog, mostly dry. A few Robin species and a few species of Parrots.



Calling male Brown Sicklebill, resembling a machine gun. Before lunch walked a trail made by loggers. Steep downhill on wet wooden boards, slippery, Vibram soles out of their comfort zone. I decided to return when a massive cut-down tree crossed our "trail". The wooden boards are often several few meters above the forest floor, which makes it a scary experience, especially when birds are 40 to 50 meter straight above in the canopy. A Papua walked on a wooden board next to me. His boards were even smaller than mine, but he nevertheless supported me while walking. These guys are incredibly strong and agile, all walking on plastic wellingtons or bare feet. Later that day he climbed a nearly vertical muddy slope to collect some firewood for our hot drinks. The water used for our drinks comes from 20 or 50 litre plastic bottles, but dishes are cleaned using puddles of roadside water. Almost 18.00, listing at 18.15, dinner at 18.30, etc. Renewed band aids and bandages. Wound on my leg is clean and closed. Collected my repaired trousers at a tailor shop opposite the street, where the child of the owners played with a white cat.



July 13. Up at 03.30, left at 04.15. Stopped at an elevation of about 2,100 meter along the road to Jayapura. Nice weather, warm. Again a shaky board walk trail, often meters above the forest floor. The boardwalk collapsed during our walk, we all tumbled down but nobody was injured. Great views of Goldie's Lorikeet, dipped on seeing a Mountain Kingfisher. Walking next to the boardwalk was impossible due to huge holes. At a certain moment, a Rufous-throated Bronze Cuckoo flew in straight above us. Great views of pitcher plants. At lunchtime we drove down to about 1,200 meter, lots of butterflies and dragonflies, Red Myzomela and Green-fronted White-eye. Walking along the road side produced a rare Meyer's Goshawk. One of our pickup trucks broke down when we wanted to return, which gave us some more time for birding. In the end, the car was beyond repair. Returned in one car, sitting on the spare wheel, meanwhile had great views of a moon rising over the mountains.





July 14. Arrived in Jayapura by plane at 09.00. With three cars to Nimbokrang, where we arrived at noon. Very hot and humid. Afternoon birding produced brief views of a Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise from the local watch tower. Locally constructed, wobbly, scary and for sure not safe. After our dinner of rice, meat and vegetables, and beer, a spotlight tour to about 23.00. Best bird was a sleeping New Guinea Scrubfowl. Brief views of a Papuan Hawk-Owl who didn't like the spotlight. The wooden hut has a fan, bed covered with a mosquito net, hot. In bed at 00.00.



July 15. Up at 03.45, started walking at 05.00. At dawn we were at the dancing pole of a Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise. Well seen, but no wires. Several males Lesser Bird-of-paradise along the trail and a female seen from the tower. For a long while, there wasn't much bird activity from the tower, but suddenly an immature male Pale-billed Sicklebill briefly perched in a bamboo. Along the trail we had stunning views of four of five calling and feeding King Bird-of-paradise, including an adult male and a sub adult male without streamers. Returned 12.45, lunch, and left at 14.30. A one hour drive. Hot, humid, deforestation, boots, wet socks, mud. Best birds were a pair of Salvadori's Fig Parrot. To impress the female, the male made a 360° swing. Now 21.40. Tomorrow up at 04.00.



July 16. Disaster morning. We arrived at 06.00 but the local guide at 09.00. Meanwhile, we didn't see much apart from deforestation. Standing in an cleared patch of forest, with umbrella's to protect ourselves against the sun, looking in an open area. One or two people thought they glimpsed flying and very distant Victoria's Crowned Pigeons. After lunch a siesta, put cream on my lower legs (suffering from heat rash I guess, wearing boots), slept immediately. Afternoon visit to a viewpoint for (New Guinea) Vulturine Parrot. Which we didn't see. In fact, it was a great view over the forest, but we saw surprisingly few birds. My right foot suffers from oedema.

July 17. 20.30. Dinner in a minute. Weird morning. Left at 05.00, walked in lowland rainforest to search for Victoria's Crowned Pigeon. After walking for an hour, we couldn't cross a substantial river. The local guides constructed a "bridge" from some saplings. In total, we crossed six to eight little streams. All streams have nearly vertical muddy slopes, impossible to get up or down in a controlled manner. Deliberately went down a few times on my butts, once on a palm leave. Pretty spectacular. Twice we moved quickly through the forest because a possible pigeon was seen, but in the end it was all in vain. Morning ended with a tremendous downpour. The trip report continues at 20.15, July 21. There are no notes from July 18, and continues with a brief summary of July 19.



July 19 Arfak Mountains. Climbed about 500 meter on a muddy and very steep slope. Primitive base camp, poor food, questionable sanitary, mud. Went to about 250 meter above the base camp for Arfak Astrapia. In vain.





July 20. Nice morning. When going down in the afternoon, suddenly one of the quadriceps muscles in my right legged “snapped”. Pain. With help from Papua’s and a few long walking poles they made for me, I managed to get the 700 meter down. Last 500 meters took me about five hours. I was completely exhausted. Overnight stay in Seth’s place, dirty and chaotic. Poor food.



July 21. Didn't join this morning and missed the Long-tailed Paradigalla. Real pity. Slept well, but difficult to get my leg in the bed. Strolled with poles through the "village", made pictures, had some coffee and tried to rest. Saw two Owlet-Nightjars today, very pretty. Walking improved during the day, used walking poles. Afternoon visit to Anggi Lake for Grey-banded Mannekin. Poor unsealed road, two hours of driving in a 4WD for 30 km single way. Couple of hours in a hide, pouring rain, immature male Lophorina. Temperature during the day is fine. Alarm set at 03.45.





July 22. Breakfast at 04.30, started walking at 05.00, in the hide at 06.00 for Western Parotia. Since I was the last to enter the hide, I didn't have the best view. However, on the bright side, thanks to that I had the best views of a Spotted Jewel Babbler and a Pheasant Pigeon, both walking in front of the hide. The Pheasant Pigeon is an incredible bird. We saw a few males and a female Western Parotia. Views from the hides are horrible, birds often calling everywhere, but you can't see them, which is very frustrating. A male performed his incredible dance. Like a ballerina, with little jumps, head shaking and showing the breast shield. Truly amazing. When we returned, we saw the bower of a Vogelkop Bowerbird. In front of the bower, all items which mostly are plastic rubbish, are sorted by colour.

July 23 Birding all day near Minggre. Morning visit to a hide with a feeder, which was visited by females Western Parotia and Black-billed Sicklebill. Revisited the bower of the Vogelkop Bowerbird, and now the bird was present. Before appearing, the guide moved a few items, which were immediately replaced to their original (colour) pile. Rain and fog in the afternoon, went down to about 700 meter to bird along the road side. Two males Lesser Bird-of-paradise, Hornbills, some raptors, etc. Last night in the highlands, still raining.



July 24. With walking poles and ibuprofen to a hide for Masked Bowerbird. The bird was a no show, and we walked another half hour for a Vogelkop Owlet-nightjar. Excellent views. When we returned, we saw a Goldenface. Brief shower. Trails wet and steep. Over tree trunks, wet moss and lichens, more mud. A late lunch of tasty nasi, birding around a church and along the road. Three species of Myzomela, two new species of lorikeets, and two females Masked Bowerbird. Overnight in a decent hotel, leaving tomorrow at 07.00. Flight to Sorong at 09.00, boat to Waigeo scheduled to leave at 13.30.



July 25. Set the alarm one hour to early, quite breakfast. Left for the airport at 07.00, arrived at Sorong around 10.30. Visited mangroves, lunch, boat to Waigeo at 14.00. Stayed outside with Pete and Brat in a shady spot. Flying Fish and terns. Close to the island we Spinner Dolphins and a few Matsudaira's Storm Petrel. Upon arrival, we walked until about 20.00. Again steep, tricky and a very slippery and dangerous downhill track to get access to the beach resort. Palm Cockatoos, Eclectus Parrots, and great views of a Papuan Boobook. Overnight stay at the beach resort. Had been closed during the pandemic, slightly falling apart. No water, insufficient food, very hot despite airco.



July 26. Went uphill with three 4WD, walked a trail to a hide for Wilson's Bird-of-paradise. Pouring with rain, no bird. Walked to another hide. Same story. Roadside birding produced Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher and females Red Bird-of-paradise. Afternoon we visited a small and nearly uninhabited island. Several lories and Island Whistler. Visited another small island with a dive resort. Dusky Scrubfowl and two Waigeo Couscous. When we left, we had amazing views of Black-tipped Reef Sharks. When we returned to Waigeo, Flying Foxes were flying over the sea, far from land. The local guides are eating incredible amounts of food, leaving not too much for us. Also the beer was finished.





July 27. Alarm at 04.00. Left at 05.15. Again visiting a hide for Wilson's Bird-of-paradise. First a female, then briefly a male. Male a while invisible due to the wrongly placed "peep holes", but apparently cleaning the display area by removing stones and twigs. Roadside birding produced a female Frilled Monarch and Western Crowned Pigeon. The latter was efficiently chased away from the trail by the locals. The idea is that when the pigeon flies into a tree, it will be easier to spot. Our pigeon indeed flew into a tree, never to be seen again. After a quick lunch the cars were gone. Not good for Pete's blood pressure. Cars arrived around 14.30, Pete mad. Afternoon walk uphill to a screen with the goal to watch displaying Red Birds-of-paradise. Very hot and humid, incredibly steep, shaky handrails for support. Birds were everywhere and calling, but none came into view. Per and I keep have problems finding the birds due to the often incomprehensible instructions of Pete (and he is really difficult to understand, even the British claim they don't understand every other word he says). He refuses to use a laser pen, which is fine, but which doesn't help either. Getting used to my walking poles, leg is improving.



July 28. Returned to Sorong by boat. Our first class ticket was invalid and we had to move one floor down, which wasn't an improvement. Most time spend outside. Brown Boobies and Lesser Frigatebirds. Dropped our main luggage in our hotel in Sorong, and we drove about one-and-a-half hour to Malagufuk. Great and new 4WDs, poor drivers. Upon arrival, we walked several kilometres over a treachery and very slippery board walk (using my walking poles) for at least one hour. On the board walk we met a Dutch group from Birdingbreaks. One of their best birds seen was Wallace's Nightjar. Pete Peter got the coordinates and then walked into the wrong direction. It all ended in a tremendous downpour. The entire day I walked without pain, still using the poles for safety, but in a muddy puddle my right foot got stuck. Fell down and incredible pain on the right side of my right leg. Likely one or more of the quadriceps muscles ruptured. Managed with help to get back to the "cottage". No water and a blocked toilet. Shock and pain.

July 29. Despite the heat slept quite well, after first cleaning my bed from hundreds of flying ants. Joined the 06.15 walk until about 13.00. I got two new walking poles, humid and sweaty. While carefully walking, my walking mate, a Papua, kept saying "Slowly, slowly". Obviously, I needed more time than the others on the trails, but with some help I got to the distant fruiting tree. Saw a male Magnificent Riflebird and Fig Parrots. Went back for a modest but tasty lunch. Meanwhile, our "bathroom" and "kitchen" were flooded, shower doesn't work, toilet blocked. In the afternoon an attempt was made to improve matters, and the toilet seems to be working again. Now 19.06, Brat is sleeping already. Spotlight tour cancelled. Saw an odd mammal, small, dark, no visible tail and a wobbly walk like a sort of hare. Likely a marsupial, small kangaroo? Last night here. There is a female tame Blyth's Hornbill, Papua's are very friendly and caring. Fine weather, few rain showers. My leg did remarkably well today, didn't stumble once. Fear the long return flight. Going to sleep, 19.15.



July 30. Up at 05.45. Tomorrow to Sorong, hope the hotel has a fine shower. Slept well, breakfast of boiled eggs, yesterday's toast, and pine apple. Into the forest at 06.30, which produced a pair of Blue-black Kingfishers. Drinking coffee in front of the cottage, meanwhile seeing Friarbirds, overflying Black Lories, Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, Glossy Swiftlet, Coconut Lorikeet, Black Sunbird, Yellow-bellied Sunbird, Eclectus Parrots, various species of Imperial Pigeon (large grey, light grey head). Altogether a huge adventure, very different from Papua New Guinea and much more strenuous than expected. Now 19.25. Had a great shower, no clean socks left. Found two plastic bags with reeking clothing, washed the first half, now the second.



Flights

July 1	Amsterdam – Dubai	EK148	15.20 - 23.59
July 2	Dubai – Jakarta	EK356	04.10 - 15.40
July 2	Jakarta – Biak	JT3798	21.00 (boarding)
July 9	Jayapura - Wamena	IW1631	08.05 (boarding)
July 14	Wamena – Jayapura	IW1634	07.00 (boarding)
July 18	Jayapura – Manokwari	JT3789	10.36 (boarding)
July 25	Manokwari – Sorong	ID8155	08.30 (boarding)
Aug 1	Jakarta – Dubai	EK359	00.40 - 05.30
Aug 1	Dubai – Amsterdam	EK147	08.05 - 13.15



BIRDS

ANATIDAE

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa* – Two at Lake Habbema.

Salvadori's Teal *Salvadorina waigiensis* – Three seen at Lake Habbema. One snapped by a hunter.



MEGAPODIIDAE

Dusky Megapode *Megapodius freycinet* – Seen on Kri Island (Soria Bay Resort) and Waigeo.

Biak Scrubfowl *Megapodius geelvinkianus* – Seen at both Numfor and Biak.

New Guinea Scrubfowl *Megapodius decollates* – Well seen during a spotlight tour at Nimbokrang.



PHASIANIDAE

Snow Mountain Quail *Anurophasis (Synoices) monorthonyx* – Five birds at Lake Habbema.



PODARGIDAE

Marbled Frogmouth *Podargus ocellatus* – Seen at Numfor and Biak.



Papuan Frogmouth *Podargus papuensis* – Great views at Nibokrang.



CAPRIMULGIDAE

Papuan Nightjar *Eurostopodus papuensis* – Two birds at Nimbokrang.

Archbold's Nightjar *Eurostopodus archboldi* – Heard at the Ibele clearing near Lake Habbema.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* – Two birds at Biak.

AEGOTHELIDAE

Feline Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles insignis* – Excellent views near Minggre, Arfak Mountains.



Wallace's Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles wallacii* – Roosting in tree at Malagufuk.



Mountain Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles albertisi* – A roosting bird near Minggre, Arfak Mountains.



Vogelkop Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles affinis* - One in the Arfaks.



EMIPROCNIIDAE

Moustached Treeswift *Hemiprocne mystacea* – Seen at Biak, Nimbokrang and Malagufuk.

APODIDAE

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta* – Common. Seen on Biak, Waigeo, Numfor and mainland.

Mountain Swiftlet *Aerodramus hirundinaceus* – Common in the Baliem Valley.

Uniform Swiftlet *Aerodramus vanikorensis* – Common at Biak, Numfor and Waigeo.

Papuan Spine-tailed Swift *Mearnsia novaeguineae* – Common at Nimbokrang.

CUCULIDAE

Ivory-billed Coucal *Centropus menbeki* – Heard and one seen at Nimbokrang.

Biak Coucal *Centropus chalybeus* – Heard and two seen at Biak.

Black-billed Coucal *Centropus bernsteini* – Seen at the Sentani Grasslands and at Nibokrang.

Dwarf Koel *Microdynamis parva* – One at Malagufuk.

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae* – Seen at the Sentani Grasslands. Rather common.

Rufous-throated Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx ruficollis* – A male near the Jayapura Road.

Shining Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus* – Seen at Biak and Nimbokrang.

Little Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus* – One seen at Nibokrang.

White-crowned Cuckoo *Cacomantis leucolophus* – One at Magalafuk.

Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis castaneiventris* – One near the German Camp in the Arfaks.

Fan-tailed Cuckoo *Cacomantis flabelliformis* – Seen along the road from Wamena to Lake Habbema.

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus* – A few at Biak and Numfor.

COLUMBIDAE

Rock Dove *Columba livia* – A few near Nimbokrang.

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis* – Seen at the Sentani Grasslands.

Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis* – Seen at Biak and Numfor.

Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia doreya* – Seen in the Arfaks.

Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia nigrirostris* – Seen in the Baliem Valley and Arfaks.



Great Cuckoo-Dove *Reinwardtoena reinwardti* – Seen on Biak, near Wamena, and in the Arfaks.



Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* – One seen at Biak.

Cinnamon Ground Dove *Gallicolumba rufigula* – One at the Parotia hide, near Minggre, Arfaks.

Pheasant Pigeon *Otidiphaps nobilis* – Stunning views from the Western Parotia hide. Amazing.



Western Crowned Pigeon *Goura cristata* – One seen at Waigeo, walking on a track.



Wompoo Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus magnificus* – Heard at Nimbokrang and Malagufuk.

Pink-spotted Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus perlatus* – A few seen at Nibokrang.

Orange-fronted Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus aurantiifrons* – Five seen at the Sentani Grasslands.

Superb Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus superbus* – Well seen at both Nibokrang and Malagufuk.



Coroneted Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus coronulatus* – One seen at Nimbokrang.

Beautiful Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus pulchellus* – One seen at Malagufuk.

White-bibbed (Mountain) Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus bellus* – A male at Merpati Island, near Waigeo.

White-bibbed (Moluccan) Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus prasinorrhous* – Along the Jayapura Road and Arfaks.



Geelvink Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus speciosus* – Seen on Biak.



Claret-breasted Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus viridis* – Common on Biak.



Orange-bellied Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus iozonus* – A few at Sentani, common at Nimbokrang.
Spice Imperial Pigeon *Ducula myristicivora* – Seen on Waigeo and Pulau Merpati.



Geelvink Imperial Pigeon *Ducula geelvinkiana* – Seen on Numfor.



Pinon's Imperial Pigeon *Ducula pinon* – Seen at Nibokrang.

Collared Imperial Pigeon *Ducula mullerii* – Two flying at Nibokrang.

Zoe's Imperial Pigeon *Ducula zoeae* – A few at Nimbokrang.



Torresian Imperial Pigeon *Ducula spilorrhoa* – Seen at Biak.

Papuan Mountain Pigeon *Gymnophaps albertisii* – Best seen near Lake Habbema.

SAROTHRURIDAE

White-striped Forest Rail *Rallicula leucospila* – Heard near Minggre, Arfaks.

Chestnut Forest Rail *Rallicula rubra* – Heard near the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.

RALLIDAE

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* – Seen at Lake Habbema.

CHARADRIIDAE

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* – A few on Waigeo.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* – Seen along a river near Nimbokrang.

SCOLOPACIDAE

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* – Seen on Waigeo and near Sorong.

New Guinea Woodcock *Scolopax rosenbergii* – Heard and seen flying at dawn. Poor views.

Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes* – Three on Waigeo.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* – Seen in the Tsunami Forest, SE of Biak.

LARIDAE

Black Noddy *Anous minutus* – One on the crossing from Biak to Numfor.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii* – As previous species, also near Waigeo.

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus* – As previous species.

Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus* – An immature on the crossing from Biak to Numfor.

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana* – One near Pualu Merpati.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* - Between Numfor and Biak, and near Waigeo.

HYDROBATIDAE

Matsudaira's Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma matsudairae* – Four birds near Waigeo.

PROCELLARIIDAE

Streaked Shearwater *Calonectris leucomelas* – Six birds in a feeding flock between Numfor and Biak.

FREGATIDAE

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel* – Between Numfor and Biak, and near Waigeo.

SULIDAE

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* – At least five between Numfor and Biak.

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Australian White Ibis *Threskiornis molucca* – One near Sorong.

ARDEIDAE

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* – One flying near Anggi Lake, Arfaks.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* – Single birds on Biak and Waigeo.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus* – One in the Sentani Grasslands.

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana* – One on Biak and one along the river at Nibokrang.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* – Quite common and widely distributed. First seen at Sentani.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia* – First seen at the Sentani Grasslands.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* – Two near Sorong.

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra* – A white and dark morph near Sorong.

PANDIONIDAE

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – A few at the Tsunami Forest, SE of Biak.

ACCIPITRIDAE

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata* – Seen well at Biak, Sorong and Malagufuk.

Long-tailed Honey Buzzard *Henicopernis longicauda* – Three well seen in the Arfaks.



Pygmy Eagle *Hieraaetus weiskei* – A few well seen in the Arfaks.

Variable Goshawk *Accipiter hiogaster* – Singles at Biak, Nimbokrang and Malagufuk.

Black-mantled Goshawk *Accipiter melanochlamys* – Heard in the Arfaks.

Grey-headed Goshawk *Accipiter poliocephalus* – Great views near Maibriy village, Arfaks.



Collared Sparrowhawk *Accipiter cirrocephalus* – One seen in the Arfaks.

Meyer's Goshawk *Accipiter meyerianus* – One well seen over the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.

Papuan Harrier *Circus spilothorax* – Seen at the Baliem Valley and Lake Hobbema.

Whistling Kite *Haliastur sphenurus* – First seen at the Sentani Grasslands.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* – A few at Biak and Numfor.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* – A few at the Sentani Grasslands. Several sightings.

TYTONIDAE

Greater Sooty Owl *Tyto tenebricosa* – Great views near Minggre, Arfaks.



Eastern Grass Owl *Tyto longimembris* – One seen well near Wamena.

STRIGIDAE

Papuan Hawk-Owl *Uroglaux dimorpha* – Briefly seen at Nimbokrang.

Papuan Boobook *Ninox theomacha* – Well seen at Biak.

Biak Scops Owl *Otus beccarii* – One seen well at Biak.



BUCEROTIDAE

Blyth's Hornbill *Rhyticeros plicatus* – A few at Biaks, common in the lowlands.

CORACIIDAE

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* – Common, first seen on Biak and Numfor.

ALCEDINIDAE

Hook-billed Kingfisher *Melidora macrorrhina* – Heard a few occasions, one flying over at Waigeo.

Common Paradise Kingfisher *Tanysiptera galatea* – A few well seen on Waigeo.



Biak Paradise Kingfisher *Tanysiptera riedelii* – Great views at Biak.



Numfor Paradise Kingfisher *Tanysiptera carolinae* – Also great views at Numfor. Amazing birds.



Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher *Tanysiptera nympha* – Along the slippery boardwalk at Malagufuk.



Rufous-bellied Kookaburra *Dacelo gaudichaud* – First seen at Nimbokrang.



Beach Kingfisher *Todiramphus saurophagus* – Seen on Biak and Waigeo.

Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus* – A few at Biak and Numfor.

Blue-black Kingfisher *Todiramphus nigrocyaneus* – A pair well seen at Malagufuk.



Yellow-billed Kingfisher *Syma torotoro* – One seen at Malagufuk.

Mountain Kingfisher *Syma megarhyncha* – Heard and flying over along the Jayapura Road.

Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx solitarius* – Often heard, seen at Wiageo and Malagufuk.



MEROPIDAE

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* – About 10 at the Sentani Grasslands.

Rainbow Bee-eater *Merops ornatus* – Common at Biak, a few elsewhere.

FALCONIDAE

Nankeen Kestrel *Falco cenchroides* – Two in the Baliem Valley.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – Seen in the Baliem Valley and at Lake Habbema.

CACATUIDAE

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua galerita* – Common at Biak, Numfor, and lowlands of mainland.

Palm Cockatoo *Probosciger aterrimus* – Four well seen in the forest at Nimbokrang, also on Waigeo.



PSITTACULIDAE

Geelvink Pygmy Parrot *Micropsitta geelvinkiana* – Several well seen at Biak.

Red-breasted Pygmy Parrot *Micropsitta bruijnii* – Stunning views of a pair in the higher Arfaks.



Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus* – Seen at Biak, quite common in the lowlands of the mainland.

Red-cheeked Parrot *Geoffroyus geoffroyi* – Common at Biak, Numfor, Nimbokrang and Waigeo.

Brehm's Tiger Parrot *Psittacella brehmii* – A male along the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.

Painted Tiger Parrot *Psittacella picta* – A male between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Modest Tiger Parrot *Psittacella modesta* – A male along the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.

Plum-faced Lorikeet *Oreopsittacus arfaki* – A handful between Lake Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Fairy Lorikeet *Charmosyna pulchella* – Great views of a pair at Maibriy, Arfak Mountains.

Papuan Lorikeet *Charmosyna papou* – Two seen at Maibriy, Arfaks Mountains.

Stella's Lorikeet *Charmosyna stellae* – Several between Wamena and Lake Habbema.



Yellow-billed Lorikeet *Neopsittacus musschenbroekii* – A flock between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Orange-billed Lorikeet *Neopsittacus pullicauda* – As previous species, along the road, fog.

Black-capped Lory *Lorius lory* – Two at Biak, common at Nimbokrang.

Black Lory *Chalcopsitta atra* – Flying at the clearing at Malagufuk.

Goldie's Lorikeet *Psitteuteles goldiei* – Great views of six birds along the Jayapura Road.



Violet-necked Lory *Eos squamata* – A few at Merpati Island and Waigeo.

Black-winged Lory *Eos cyanogenia* – Common at Biak and Numfor.

Coconut Lorikeet *Trichoglossus haematodus* – Seen at the Sentani Grasslands and Nimokrang.

Biak Lorikeet *Trichoglossus rosenbergii* – A few at Biak.

Large Fig Parrot *Psittaculirostris desmarestii* – Four well seen at Malagufuk.

Salvadori's Fig Parrot *Psittaculirostris salvadorii* – Superb scope views of a pair at Nimbokrang.

Double-eyed Fig Parrot *Cyclopsitta diophthalma* – A few at Nimbokrang.

PITTIDAE

Papuan Pitta *Erythropitta macklotii* – An immature and roosting adult at Nimbokrang.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida* – Seen at Biak, heard at Malagufuk.

PTILONORHYNCHIDAE

White-eared Catbird *Ailuroedus buccoides* – A single bird in a fruiting tree at Malagufuk.

Arfak Catbird *Ailuroedus arfakianus* – Heard in the Arfaks.

Vogelkop Bowerbird *Amblyornis inornata* – A bird at its unbelievable bower at Minggre, Arfaks.



Masked Bowerbird *Sericulus aureus* – Two females seen well in a fruiting tree near Maibriy, Arfaks.

Fawn-breasted Bowerbird *Chlamydera cerviniventris* – A few in the Sentai Grasslands.

CLIMACTERIDAE

Papuan Treecreeper *Cormobates placens* – Great views of a pair at Gunung Nadum in the Arfaks.

MALURIDAE

Wallace's Fairywren *Sipodotus wallacii* – A pair well seen between Duibey and Manokwari.

Emperor Fairywren *Malurus cyanocephalus* – A pair at Biak, heard at Nimbokrang.



White-shouldered Fairywren *Malurus alboscapulatus* – A few in the Sentani Grasslands.

Orange-crowned Fairywren *Clytomyias insignis* – Great views of a pair in the Arfak Mountains.



MELIPHAGIDAE

Sooty Honeyeater *Melionyx fuscus* – Two near Lake Habbema.

Short-bearded Honeyeater *Melionyx nouhuysi* – A few near Lake Habbema.

Rufous-sided Honeyeater *Ptiloprora erythropleura* – Two singles at Gunung Nadim, Arfak Mountains.

Grey-streaked Honeyeater *Ptiloprora perstriata* – Several between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Brown-backed Honeyeater *Ramsayoris modestus* – A few in the mangroves at Sorong.

Long-billed Honeyeater *Melilestes megarhynchus* – Singles briefly seen in the Arfak Mountains.

Arfak Honeyeater *Melipotes gymnops* – A few near Minggre, Arfak Mountains.

Common Smoky Honeyeater *Melipotes fumigatus* – Common near Lake Habbema.

MacGregor's Honeyeater *Macgregoria pulchra* – Three well seen near Lake Habbema. A stunner.



Marbled Honeyeater *Pycnopygius cinereus* – A few in the Arfak Mountains.

Streak-headed Honeyeater *Pycnopygius stictocephalus* – One at Jalan Korea, Nimbokrang.

Ruby-throated Myzomela *Myzomela eques* – One in the mangroves at Waigeo.

Red Myzomela *Myzomela cruentata* – Seen near Wamena and at the Maibriy village, Arfaks.

Mountain Myzomela *Myzomela adolphinae* – Best seen at Maibriy village, Arfaks.

Red-collared Myzomela *Myzomela rosenbergii* – Common at Wamena, Baliem Valley, and Arfaks.

Meyer's Friarbird *Philemon meyeri* – A few at Nimbokrang.

New Guinea Friarbird *Philemon novaeguineae* – First seen in the Santani Grasslands where common.

Tawny-breasted Honeyeater *Xanthotis flaviventer* – Sentani Grasslands, Arfaks, and Waigeo.

Olive Honeyeater *Lichmera argentea* – Seen at Merpati Island, feeding in coconut flowers.

Puff-backed Honeyeater *Meliphaga aruensis* – Two seen at Malagufuk.

Scrub Honeyeater *Microptilotis albonotatus* – One seen in the Arfaks.

Mimic Honeyeater *Microptilotis analogus* – A few at Malagufuk.

Yellow-gaped Honeyeater *Microptilotis flavirictus* – Seen at Nimbokrang.

Varied Honeyeater *Gavicalis versicolor* – Seen at Merpati Island, off Waigeo.

Orange-cheeked Honeyeater *Oreornis chrysogenys* – Common around Lake Habbema.

Black-throated Honeyeater *Caligavis subfrenata* – Five at Lake Habbema.

Cinnamon-browed Melidectes *Melidectes ochromelas* – One glimpsed at Gunung Nadim.

Vogelkop Melidectes *Melidectes leucostephes* – Common in the Arfaks.

Belford's Melidectes *Melidectes belfordi* – Common in the Baliem Valley.

Ornate Melidectes *Melidectes torquatus* – Seen near Wamena and in the Arfaks.

ACANTHIZIDAE

Goldenface *Pachycare flavogriseum* – Pretty bird. One well seen at Duibey, Arfak Mountains.

Rusty Mouse-warbler *Origma murina* – A few seen and heard in the Arfaks and Waigeo.

Mountain Mouse-warbler *Origma robusta* – One seen between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Vogelkop Scrubwren *Aethomyias rufescens* – A few seen in the Arfaks.

Buff-faced Scrubwren *Aethomyias perspicillatus* – A few in the Wamena area.

Papuan Scrubwren *Aethomyias papuensis* – As previous species.

Large Scrubwren *Sericornis nouhuysi* – Four at the Ibele Clearing, Baliem Valley.

Brown-breasted Gerygone *Gerygone ruficollis* – Four or five in the Baliem Valley.

Biak Gerygone *Gerygone hypoxantha* – Four at Biak.

Yellow-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone chrysogaster* – Two at Nimbokrang, one in the Arfaks.

Green-backed Gerygone *Gerygone chloronota* – Heard in the Arfaks.

Fairy Gerygone *Gerygone palpebrosa* – One at Waigeo.

New Guinea Thornbill *Acanthiza murina* – Two at Lake Habbema.



POMATOSTOMIDAE

Papuan Babbler *Garritornis isidorei* – Three glimpsed at Malagufuk.

ORTHONYCHIDAE

Papuan Logrunner *Orthonyx novaeguineae* – Great views of a pair at the Ibele trail, Lake Habbema.

MELANOCHARITIDAE

Mid-mountain Berrypecker *Melanocharis longicauda* – A male and female along the Jayapura Road.

Fan-tailed Berrypecker *Melanocharis versteri* – One seen near Lake Habbema.

Thick-billed (Spotted) Berrypecker *Rhamphocharis crassirostris* – Near Zeth's Homestay, Arfaks.

Pygmy Longbill *Oedistoma pygmaeum* – Three well seen in the Arfak Mountains.

Yellow-bellied Longbill *Toxorhamphus novaeguineae* – Heard in the Arfaks.

Slaty-headed Longbill *Toxorhamphus poliopterus* – Heard along the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.

PARAMYTHIIDAE

Tit Berrypecker *Oreocharis arfaki* – A few at Gunung Nadim, Arfaks Mountains.

Western Crested Berrypecker *Paramythia olivacea* – Great views at Lake Habbema.



CINCLOSOMATIDAE

Spotted Jewel-babbler *Ptilorrhoa leucosticte* – Great views near Minggre, Arfaks.

MACHAERIRHYNCHIDAE

Black-breasted Boatbill *Machaerirhynchus nigripectus* – One between Wamena and Lake Habbema.



ARTAMIDAE

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus* – Seen at Merpati Island, and Waigeo.

Great Woodswallow *Artamus maximus* – Seen in the Baliem Valley.

Lowland Peltops *Peltops blainvillii* – Seen at Nimbokrang.

Mountain Peltops *Peltops montanus* – Three in the Arfaks.

Black Butcherbird *Melloria quoyi* – One seen at Nibokrang.

Hooded Butcherbird *Cracticus cassicus* – Common in the lowlands, also at Biak and Numfor.

CAMPEPHAGIDAE

Hooded Cuckooshrike *Coracina longicauda* – A pair between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Barred Cuckooshrike *Coracina lineata* – One at Waigeo.

Boyer's Cuckooshrike *Coracina boyeri* – Quite common at Nimbokrang.

White-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina papuensis* – Four in the Sentani Grasslands.

Golden Cuckooshrike *Campochaera sloetii* – Well seen at Nimbokrang and Magalufuk.



Black-bellied Cuckooshrike *Edolisoma montanum*. Three seen between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Grey-headed Cuckooshrike *Edolisoma schisticeps* – Several seen at Magalufuk.

Black-shouldered Cicadabird *Edolisoma incertum* – A male in the Arfak Mountains.

Common (Geelvink) Cicadabird *Edolisoma tenuirostre* – One seen at Numfor.

Black Cicadabird *Edolisoma melas* – Two at Nimbokrang.

Black-browed Triller *Lalage atrovirens* – Common at Nimbokrang.

Biak Triller *Lalage leucoptera* – Seen on Biak.



NEOSITTIDAE

Papuan Sittella *Daphoenositta papuensis* – Well seen in the Arfaks.

OREOICIDAE

Rufous-naped Bellbird *Aleadryas rufinucha* – Two along the road from Wamena to Lake Habbema.

Piping Bellbird *Ornorectes cristatus* – Great views from a hide at Duibey, Arfak Mountains.

PACHYCEPHALIDAE

Black Pitohui *Melanorectes nigrescens* – Two seen in the Arfaks.

Island Whistler *Pachycephala phaionota* – Two at Merpati Island near Waigeo.

Biak Whistler *Pachycephala melanorhyncha* – Great views at Biak.



Vogelkop Whistler *Pachycephala meyeri* – A singling male near Maibriy village in the Arfaks.

Grey Whistler *Pachycephala simplex* – Two seen in the Arfaks.

Sclater's Whistler *Pachycephala soror* – A male and female in the Arfaks.

Baliem Whistler *Pachycephala balim* – Three well seen near the Baliem Valley Resort.

Lorentz's Whistler *Pachycephala lorentzi* – Several seen near Lake Habbema.



Regent Whistler *Pachycephala schlegelii* – Seen in the higher Arfaks.

Rusty Pitohui *Pseudorectes ferrugineus* – Glimsed at both Nimbokrang and Malagufuk.

Arafura Shrikethrush *Colluricincla megarhyncha* – Two seen at Malagufuk.

Waigeo Shrikethrush *Colluricincla affinis* – One at Waigeo.

ORIOLIDAE

Raja Ampat Pitohui *Pitohui cerviniventris* – Two at Waigeo.

Northern Variable Pitohui *Pitohui kirhocephalus* – Seen at Nimbokrang and in the lower Arfaks.



Hooded Pitohui *Pitohui dichrous* – One seen in the lower Arfaks.

Brown Oriole *Oriolus szalayi* – Four seen at Waigeo.



DICRURIDAE

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus* – Common, first seen at Biak and Numfor.

RHIPIDURIDAE

Willie Wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys* – Common on Biak and Numfor, and in the lowlands.

Northern Fantail *Rhipidura rufiventris* – A few at Nimbokrang.

Biak Fantail *Rhipidura kordensis* – Several at Biak.



Sooty Thicket Fantail *Rhipidura threnothorax* – One seen in the flooded forest at Nimbokrang.

Black Thicket Fantail *Rhipidura maculipectus* – A single bird at Malagufuk.

White-bellied Thicket Fantail *Rhipidura leucothorax* – A few seen at Nimbokrang.

Friendly Fantail *Rhipidura albolimbata* – First seen near Lake Habbema.



Dimorphic Fantail *Rhipidura brachyrhyncha* – First seen between Wamena and Lake Habbema.



Rufous-backed Fantail *Rhipidura rufidorsa* – One seen at Nimbokrang.

Arafura Fantail *Rhipidura dryas* – Two at Merpati Island, near Waigeo.

Drongo Fantail *Chaetorhynchus papuensis* – Two well seen at Maibriy, Arfak Mountains.



MONARCHIDAE

Spot-winged Monarch *Symposiachrus guttula* – One glimpsed at Waigeo.

Biak Monarch *Symposiachrus brehmii* – Great views of a few males at Biak.



Hooded Monarch *Symposiachrus manadensis* – Glimpsed at Nimbokrang.

Black-winged Monarch *Monarcha frater* – One seen at Duibey, Arfak Mountains.

Golden Monarch *Carterornis chrysomela* – Common, first seen at Biak. Great bird.



Ochre-collared Monarch *Arses insularis* – Three seen at Nimbokrang.

Friiled Monarch *Arses telescopthalmus* – A female well seen at Waigeo.

Biak Black Flycatcher *Myiagra atra* – Seen on Biak and Numfor.

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto* – Seen on Biak, Numfor and lowlands.

CORVIDAE

Brown-headed Crow *Corvus fuscicapillus* – Heard at Nimbokrang.

Grey Crow *Corvus tristis* – Common at Nimbokrang.

Torresian Crow *Corvus orru* – One at Biak, several at Waigeo.

PARADISAEIDAE

Glossy-mantled Manucode *Manucodia ater* – Quite common at Nimbokrang, excellent views.

Arfak Astrapia *Astrapia nigra* – An immature male and female in the vines, Arfak Mountains.



Splendid Astrapia *Astrapia splendidissima* – Great views of a male at the Ibele trail, Lake Habbema.





Western Parotia *Parotia sefilata* – Dancing displaying males in the Arfaks. Several more seen.



Greater Lophorina *Lophorina superba* – Distant males and a female near the Baliem Valley Resort.

Crescent-caped Lophorina *Lophorina niedda* – A displaying male seen from a hide near Minggre.



Magnificent Riflebird *Ptiloris magnificus* – A distant male in a fruiting tree at Malagufuk.

Black Sicklebill *Epimachus fastosus* – In total three males along the ridge on Gunung Nadium, Arfaks.



Brown Sicklebill *Epimachus meyeri* – A distant calling male between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Pale-billed Sicklebill *Drepanornis bruijnii* – A male briefly perched on top of a rattan, Nimbokrang



Black-billed Sicklebill *Drepanornis albertisi* – Superb views of a female feeding on rattan fruit, Arfaks.



Magnificent Bird-of-paradise *Diphyllodes magnificus* – Brief views of a male, Maibriy Village, Arfaks.



Wilson's Bird-of-paradise *Diphyllodes respublica* – A male and several females at Waigeo.



King Bird-of-paradise *Cicinnurus regius* – Close and excellent views of several birds at Nimbokrang.



Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise *Seleucidis melanoleucus* – Displaying (wireless) male at Nimbokrang.



Lesser Bird-of-paradise *Paradisaea minor* – Several at Nimbokrang, best views a male in the Arfaks.



Red Bird-of-paradise *Paradisaea rubra* – Females seen at Waigeo. Calling but invisible males.

PETROICIDAE

White-winged Robin *Peneothello sigillata* – One seen between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Smoky Robin *Peneothello cryptoleuca* – A few well seen in the Arfaks.



Slaty Robin *Peneothello cyanus* – Briefly seen along the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.



Black-chinned Robin *Poecilodryas brachyura* – Heard in the Arfaks. Incredible skulker.

Black-sided Robin *Poecilodryas hypoleuca* – Heard at Nimbokrang and at Waigeo.

Black-throated Robin *Plesiodryas albonotata* – Seen along the Jayapura Road, and at Gunung Nadim.



Torrent Flyrobin *Monachella muelleriana* – A single bird along the river near Nimbokrang.

Canary Flyrobin *Devioeca papuana* – Three birds between Wamena and Lake Habbema.

Garnet Robin *Eugerygone rubra* – A male along the Ibele trail near Lake Habbema.

Mountain Robin *Petroica bivittata* – Two birds along the road from Wamena to Lake Habbema.



Green-backed Robin *Pachycephalopsis hattamensis* – Several birds, from hides, in the Arfaks.



Greater Ground Robin *Amalocichla sclateriana* – Well seen along the Ibele trail. Skulker.



Lesser Ground Robin *Amalocichla incerta* – One seen near Gunung Nadim, Arfak Mountains.

PYCNONOTIDAE

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* – Introduced. Seen at Biak.

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica* – Common, first seen at Biak and Numfor.

Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans* – At least a hundred birds at the Sentani Grasslands.

PHYLLOSCOPIDAE

Numfor Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus maforensis* – Three seen at Numfor.

Island Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus poliocephalus* - One near Minggre, Arfak Mountains.

ACROCEPHALIDAE

Australian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus australis* – Heard at Anggi Lake, Arfaks.

CISTICOLIDAE

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis* – A few at the Sentani Grasslands.

ZOSTEROPIDAE

Lemon-bellied White-eye *Zosterops chloris* – Seen on Merpati Island, off Waigeo.

Green-fronted White-eye *Zosterops minor* – A few along the Jayapura Road, NE of Wamena.



Black-fronted White-eye *Zosterops chrysolaemus* – A handful in the Arfak Mountains.

Capped White-eye *Zosterops fuscicapilla* – Seen in the Baliem Valley and in the Arfaks.

Biak White-eye *Zosterops mysorensis* – Three seen at Biak.



STURNIDAE

Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica* – Common on Biak and Numfor.

Singing Starling *Aplonis cantoroides* – A few seen at Waigeo.

Long-tailed Starling *Aplonis magna* – Common at Biak and Numfor.



Moluccan Starling *Aplonis mysolensis* – A few on Merpati Island, off Waigeo.

Yellow-faced Myna *Mino dumontii* – Seen at Nimbokrang, Waigeo and at Malagufuk.

Golden Myna *Mino anais* – Two at Malagufuk.



TURDIDAE

Island Thrush *Turdus poliocephalus* – Rather common near Lake Habbema.

MUSCICAPIDAE

Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata* – Two near Wamena.

DICAEIDAE

Olive-crowned Flowerpecker *Dicaeum pectorale* – Seen in the Arfaks and at Waigeo.



Red-capped Flowerpecker *Dicaeum geelvinkianum* – Seen on Biak, Numfor, and mainland.

NECTARINIIDAE

Black Sunbird *Leptocoma aspasia* – Seen on Biak, Numfor, and mainland.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis* – Widespread.

PASSERIDAE

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* – Introduced. Common on Biak.

ESTRILDIDAE

Mountain Firetail *Oreostruthus fuliginosus* – A pair well seen between Wamena and Lake Habbema.



Crimson Finch *Neochmia phaeton* – Two in the Sentani Grasslands, likely introduced.

Streak-headed Mannikin *Lonchura tristissima* – At least ten birds at Nimbokrang.

Great-billed Mannikin *Lonchura grandis* – Well seen in the Sentani Grasslands.



Black-breasted Mannikin *Lonchura teerinki* – About twenty birds near Wamena.



Western Alpine Mannikin *Lonchura montana* – Three birds well seen near Lake Habbema.



Grey-banded Mannikin *Lonchura vana* – At least 30 birds at Anggi Lake. Quite a drive.



Hooded Mannikin *Lonchura spectabilis* – Common in the Sentani Grasslands



Blue-faced Parrotfinch *Erythrura trichroa* – One in the Arfaks.

MOTACILLIDAE

Alpine Pipit *Anthus gutturalis* – Common in the Lake Habbema area.



MAMMALS

Waigeo Cuscus *Spilocuscus maculatus* – Two seen on the island with the dive resort near Waigeo.



Spinner Dolphin *Stenella longirostris* – A group of at least 50 near Numfor. Also near Waigeo.



Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus* - Three near Waigeo.

Great (Bismarck) Flying Fox *Pteropus neohibernicus* – Common at Nimbokrang.

Timor Deer *Rusa timorensis* – Two seen at Nibokrang.

Flying fish sp.

