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New Britain Extension III

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Trip Report



Blue-eyed Cockatoo by Chris Lester

Trip report compiled by Dušan Brinkhuizen & Stephan Lorenz

Top ten birds as voted for by participants:

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| 1. Golden Masked Owl | 6. Melanesian Megapode |
| 2. New Britain Boobook | 7. Bismarck Pitta |
| 3. Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher | 8. Violaceous Coucal |
| 4. Pied Cuckoo-Dove | 9. Nicobar Pigeon |
| 5. Black Imperial Pigeon | 10. Purple-bellied Lory |

Tour Summary

New Britain is the largest island in the Bismarck Archipelago and located just to the northeast of mainland Papua New Guinea. We had three full days to explore this beautiful but little-known island in search of the region's best endemics. We arrived at Hoskins airport in the late afternoon and made it to our comfortable resort for check-in just around dusk. Apart from Bismarck Crow, Willy Wagtail and Blyth's Hornbill, not many other species were identified during our drive to Kimbe Bay.

The following morning, we started our first proper birding at Garu Wildlife Management Area, one of the few protected areas in New Britain. At arrival there was some good activity of parrots with the fantastic Purple-bellied Lory being the first endemic to be scoped. The endemic Blue-eyed Cockatoo soon followed giving us some excellent flight views. Eclectus Parrots and Coconut Lorikeets were also flying around and the tiny Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot was scoped in the canopy. Suddenly, Stephan called out three flyover pigeons which turned out to be the rare Black Imperial Pigeon – what a great catch! Walking down the forest track, we quickly stacked up several other regional endemics such as Red-banded Flowerpecker, White-necked Coucal, Long-tailed Myna and New Britain Friarbird, all of them showing well. We were on the constant lookout for soaring raptors, in particular for the rare Black Honey Buzzard, but only got to see Variable Goshawks and Brahminy Kites. Multiple Black-capped Paradise Kingfishers were calling from inside the forest and after a lot of effort some of us got very brief views of this sought-after endemic. Blyth's Hornbills seemed fairly common at this site and we had plenty of great encounters with these large and impressive creatures. A Finsch's Imperial Pigeon that showed up after playing back its call was a real treat. This scarce endemic landed in a tall tree along the forest edge and gave us some stunning views. More common but equally stunning was the Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon that also posed in the scope. The fancy Knob-billed Fruit Dove was another endemic that we added to the growing list! Further down the road, we entered the forest at a known nesting site for Melanesian Megapode. Also named Melanesian Scrubfowl, this species is a communal burrow nester using geothermal sites that help incubate the eggs. We encountered plenty of burrows and also flushed a couple of adults. One of them perched in a tree and was scoped nicely. The endemic New Britain Dwarf Kingfisher was a bonus here that was heard and briefly seen by some lucky observers.



Finsch's Imperial Pigeon
by Dušan Brinkhuizen

In the afternoon, we visited a site known as Kulu River. White-rumped Swiftlet and Uniform Swiftlet were foraging side-by-side over the river and we were really getting some close-range views of them. At

a forest patch, we trawled for the elusive Bismarck Pitta with playback and our local guide was surprised that we got a direct response. According to him, this species normally calls back in the early morning and not in the afternoon. In any case, we went inside the forest and discussed some tactics on the best possible way to get this rare endemic in view. With the help of a camouflage canvas, we positioned ourselves

silently in the dense undergrowth and waited for the bird to show up. To our surprise, the colourful ground dweller skulked by several times, allowing some to get good views, and once it even hopped atop a log – what a cracker! Back outside of the forest, we quickly went to a site for the endemic White-mantled Kingfisher as it was getting late. It took several minutes before we located a kingfisher in the canopy but eventually the gem showed itself nicely in the scope for an extended time. As we walked back towards the vehicle, we bagged another endemic target: a pair of Violaceous Coucal at their roost cavity. These large black cuckoos watched us, as we were watching them full frame in the scope, a simply spectacular sighting! At dusk, we were



Black Imperial Pigeon by Norma Malinowski

surprised by a significant number of Nicobar Pigeons flying around and landing alongside the river. Moustached Treeswift was still airborne while a New Britain Boobook started calling. We tried to play in the latter but the owl didn't seem to be too interested in showing itself.



**Pied Cuckoo-Dove
by Dušan Brinkhuizen**

The next day was a big one as we planned to hike the track up the Ghabuna Volcano. It was a long and steady hike but, in most parts, fairly level and pleasant. A White-mantled Kingfisher was one of the first birds we got to see, a promising start. In the more disturbed and open habitat, we saw several Blue-eyed Cockatoos and we scoped a couple that were perched in a large tree. A few Great Flying Foxes roosting in a tree was a fun sight. A fruiting tree was attracting lots of different birds and we carefully watched it for a while enjoying several goodies like Red-knobbed and Yellowish Imperial Pigeons, Red-flanked and Coconut Lorikeets, Purple-bellied Lory, Ashy and Black-bellied Myzomela, and Metallic Starlings. We continued up the track and once we got into primary forest, our local guide spotted a Black Imperial Pigeon by surprise! The bird stayed put in the canopy and we got some awesome scope views of this rarity. At the same spot, we encountered a small flock of Northern Fantails and the hoped-for Black-tailed Monarch, another sought-after target. Adding to the climax must have been the Pied Cuckoo-Dove that started calling a few minutes later. This rarely seen endemic landed in a tall tree and we got excellent and prolonged views of this beautiful dove! As the late morning proceeded, we hiked further in the primary forest but the avian activity

had dropped significantly. Some got lucky to see a male White-bibbed Fruit Dove. We also heard and glimpsed several New Britain Dwarf Kingfishers but none of them showed well. Back at the picnic spot,

we enjoyed some tasty chicken sandwiches, good coffee, some shade and a nice breeze. Nearby and back inside the forest, we walked down a gully where we targeted the Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher. A bird had responded briefly to our tape playback and suddenly it flew past us. It was Chris that located the bird perched on a horizontal branch and we got some neat scope views of this magnificent endemic! The walk back down was fairly easy and quick, and once back at Walindi, we had a little late afternoon break. After dinner, we went to search for the enigmatic Golden Masked Owl driving around in the extensive oil palm plantations. Just as we were about to give up, we spotted a fantastic adult sitting on a fence post on the side of the road – what a mega to end the day with!

On our last full day in New Britain, we took the boat to some nearby satellite islands known as Restorf and the Malu Malu islands. It was still quite windy and choppy but the conditions for birding were considerably better than the day before according to the captain. Black Noddies were a common sight on the way and we also saw a few other terns including Greater Crested, Common and Black-naped Tern. Lesser Frigatebirds were also flying about. Island Imperial Pigeons were easily seen once we got to Restorf and we also saw a couple of Nicobar Pigeons. Observing the passerines was tough and the wind did not help us. We focussed along the calm side of the island and got several Sclater's Myzomelas and a neat male Mangrove Golden Whistler. Island Monarch kept singing and some managed to get a brief view of the bird when it moved in between trees. At the larger Malu Malu island, we saw several MacKinlay's Cuckoo-Doves in flight and a female fruit dove that we observed was later identified as Yellow-bibbed Fruit Dove supported by our photographs. We continued to smaller Malu Malu island where we enjoyed watching an obliging Beach Kingfisher. We were hoping to do a pelagic towards Kimbe Island to look for the rare Heinroth's Shearwater but halfway,



Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher
by Dušan Brinkhuizen



Golden Masked Owl by Chris Lester

we had to turn back as it was not safe according to the captain. We did get to see a Wedge-tailed Shearwater that sheared by. In the afternoon and back on firm land, we went to a site known as Kilu Ridge to try for New Britain Boobook. A local guide had found a day-roost of this species and he had informed us about it. It was a hike up the hill but it was totally worth it. The adult boobook was perched in the open and the scope views that we got of this little owl were fantastic. A huge bonus that we got here was a loud Song Parrot that flew straight overhead! After this success, we continued to the Numundo farm area to look for the endemic Buff-bellied Mannikins. They were quickly found and we also got brief looks at Papuan Grassbird and Australian Reed Warbler hidden in the grasslands. White-browed Crake and Buff-banded Rail walked out briefly on the dirt track but because the potholes were dry, they did not stay out for long. After dinner, we made another attempt for the Golden Masked Owl as some couldn't join the previous evening. Again, it was hard work but eventually we were rewarded with marvellous views of a bird perched atop a fence post!

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Annotated List of species recorded

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

Birds (91 in total: 89 seen, 2 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.1).

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Ducks, Geese & Swans *Anatidae*

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa pelewensis*

(1) Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 31.8.

Megapodes *Megapodiidae*

Melanesian Megapode *Megapodius eremita*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Petrels, Shearwaters & Diving Petrels *Procellariidae*

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna pacifica*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Black Bittern *Dupetor flavicollis australis*

(1) Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 31.8.

Nankeen Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis*

(1) Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 31.8.

Great Egret *Ardea alba modesta*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra sacra*

(3) Observed Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31-2.9.

Frigatebirds *Fregatidae*

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel ariel*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Pied Cormorant *Microcarbo melanoleucos melanoleucos*

(1) Kulu River 31.8.

Osprey Pandionidae**Eastern Osprey***Pandion cristatus*

(2) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**Pacific Baza***Aviceda subcristata bismarckii*

(1) 2 Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Variable Goshawk*Accipiter hiogaster dampieri*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and 1 heard Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 2.9.

Brahminy Kite*Haliastur indus girrenera*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9, Kilu Ridge 2.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**Buff-banded Rail***Gallirallus philippensis meyeri*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

White-browed Crake*Porzana cinerea*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Australasian Swamphen*Porphyrio melanotus melanopterus*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus variegatus*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Ruddy Turnstone*Arenaria interpres interpres*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

(3) Observed Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31-2.9.

Grey-tailed Tattler (NT)*Tringa brevipes*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae**Black Noddy***Anous minutus minutus*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Greater Crested Tern*Thalasseus bergii cristatus*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Black-naped Tern*Sterna sumatrana sumatrana*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Common Tern*Sterna hirundo longipennis*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

- Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia amboinensis carteretia*
(2) 2 Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- MacKinlay's Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia mackinlayi arossi*
(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.
- Pied Cuckoo-Dove (NT)** *Reinwardtoena browni*
(1) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Stephan's Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps stephani stephani*
(1) Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 31.8.
- Nicobar Pigeon (NT)** *Caloenas nicobarica nicobarica*
(2) 25 Kulu River 31.8 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.
- Superb Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus superbus superbus*
(1) 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- White-bibbed Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus rivoli rivoli*
(1) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Yellow-bibbed Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus solomonensis meyeri*
(1) ♀ Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.
- Knob-billed Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus insolitus insolitus*
(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon (NT)** *Ducula rubricera rubricera*
(2) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Finsch's Imperial Pigeon (NT)** *Ducula finschii*
(1) Garu Forest 31.8.
- Island Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula pistrinaria vanwyckii*
(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.
- Black Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula melanochroa*
(2) 3 Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Yellowish Imperial Pigeon (NT)** *Ducula subflavescens*
(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

- White-necked Coucal** *Centropus ateralbus*
(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Violaceous Coucal (NT)** *Centropus violaceus*
(3) Kulu River 31.8, 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and 1 heard Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.
- Pacific Koel** *Eudynamys orientalis salvadorii*
(3) Garu Forest 31.8, 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and 1 heard Kilu Ridge 2.9.
- Channel-billed Cuckoo** *Scythrops novaehollandiae schoddei*
(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.
- Shining Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus plagosus*
(1) Garu Forest 31.8.
- Brush Cuckoo** *Cacomantis variolosus macrocercus*
(3) 1 heard Kulu River 31.8, 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and 1 heard Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Barn-Owls *Tytonidae***Golden Masked Owl (VU)***Tyto aurantia*

(2) Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 1.9 and Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 2.9.

Owls *Strigidae***New Britain Boobook (VU)***Ninox odiosa*

(2) 1 heard Kulu River 31.8 and Kulu Ridge 2.9.

Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae***Moustached Treeswift***Hemiproctes mystacea aeroplanes*

(3) Kulu River 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Swifts *Apodidae***White-rumped Swiftlet***Aerodramus spodiopygius noonaedanae*

(1) Garu Forest 31.8 and Kulu River 31.8.

Uniform Swiftlet*Aerodramus vanikorensis pallens*

(3) Kulu River 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Rollers *Coraciidae***Oriental Dollarbird***Eurystomus orientalis crassirostris*

(1) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae***Black-capped Paradise Kingfisher***Tanysiptera nigriceps nigriceps*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8, 1 heard Kulu River 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

White-mantled Kingfisher (NT)*Todiramphus albonotatus*

(2) Kulu River 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Melanesian Kingfisher*Todiramphus tristrami tristrami*

(3) Observed Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31-2.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Beach Kingfisher*Todiramphus saurophagus saurophagus*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Sacred Kingfisher*Todiramphus sanctus sanctus*

(2) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Common Kingfisher*Alcedo atthis hispidoides*

(2) 2 Kulu River 31.8 and Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9.

New Britain Dwarf Kingfisher*Ceyx sacerdotis*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae***Rainbow Bee-eater***Merops ornatus*

(2) 1 heard Kulu River 31.8 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae***Blyth's Hornbill***Rhyticeros plicatus*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kulu Ridge 2.9.

Cockatoos *Cacatuidae***Blue-eyed Cockatoo (VU)***Cacatua ophthalmica*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot***Micropsitta pusio pusio*

(1) Garu Forest 31.8.

Eclectus Parrot*Eclectus roratus solomonensis*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Song Parrot*Geoffroyus heteroclitus heteroclitus*

(1) Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Red-flanked Lorikeet*Charmosyna placentis subplacens*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Purple-bellied Lory*Lorius hypoinochrous devittatus*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Coconut Lorikeet*Trichoglossus haematodus massena*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Pittas *Pittidae***Bismarck Pitta***Erythropitta novaehibernicae gazellae*

(1) Kulu River 31.8.

Honeyeaters *Meliphagidae***Ashy Myzomela***Myzomela cineracea*

(2) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Sclater's Myzomela*Myzomela sclateri*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Black-bellied Myzomela*Myzomela erythromelas*

(1) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

New Britain Friarbird*Philemon cockerelli cockerelli*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 1.9, Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 2.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***Grey-capped Cicadabird***Edolisoma remotum*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Varied Triller*Lalage leucomela falsa*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Whistlers and allies *Pachycephalidae***Mangrove Golden Whistler***Pachycephala melanura dahli*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Drongos *Dicruridae***Spangled Drongo***Dicrurus bracteatus laemostictus*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Fantails *Rhipiduridae***Willie Wagtail***Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, observed Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31-2.9, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9, Kilu Ridge 2.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Northern Fantail*Rhipidura rufiventris finschii*

(1) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Monarchs *Monarchidae***Black-tailed Monarch***Symposiachrus verticalis verticalis*

(1) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Island Monarch*Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris*

(1) Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Shining Flycatcher*Myiagra alecto chalybeocephala*

(3) 1 heard Garu Forest 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Velvet Flycatcher*Myiagra hebetior eichhorni*

(2) 1 heard Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae***Bismarck Crow***Corvus insularis*

(3) Oil Palm Plantations between Numundo and Garu 31.8, Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, observed Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31-2.9, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9, Kilu Ridge 2.9 and Malu Malu I and Restorf I, 2.9.

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Pacific Swallow***Hirundo tahitica ambiens*

(3) Observed Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31-2.9.

Reed warblers and allies *Acrocephalidae***Australian Reed Warbler***Acrocephalus australis sumbae*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Grassbirds and allies *Locustellidae***Papuan Grassbird***Cincloramphus macrurus interscapularis*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Starlings *Sturnidae***Metallic Starling***Aplonis metallica nitida*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9, Kilu Ridge 2.9 and Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 2.9.

Long-tailed Myna*Mino kreffti giliau*

(3) Garu Forest 31.8, Kulu River 31.8, Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae***Red-banded Flowerpecker***Dicaeum eximium layardorum*

(2) Garu Forest 31.8 and Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**Black Sunbird***Leptocoma aspasia caeruleogula*

(1) Garu Forest 31.8.

Olive-backed Sunbird*Cinnyris jugularis flavigastra*

(3) Walindi Plantation Resort, Kimbe 31.8, 1 heard Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae**Buff-bellied Mannikin***Lonchura melaena melaena*

(1) Numundo Cattle Farm 2.9.

Mammals (1 in total: 1 seen)

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Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae**Great Flying Fox***Pteropus neohibernicus*

(2) Ghabuna Vulcano track 1.9 and Kilu Ridge 2.9.

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