

Trip Report — Papua New Guinea 2025 (with optional New Britain Extension)

July 16-August 3, 2025 with Doug Gochfeld & Jesse Fagan (ext. to Aug. 8)

See the online triplist for a video compilation of our time on New Guinea, put together by guide Doug Gochfeld.

(For best viewing of the media in this trip list, enjoy it at leisure on a computer, with a nice hot mug of something at hand).

For those who have been, no explanation is necessary. For those who have not, no explanation will suffice. And so it is with Papua New Guinea, perhaps more so than any other place I guide birding tours to. The clashing and melding of the modern world with centuries of tradition, the animals, both avian and not, and their bizarre and retiring behaviors, the potential for naturalizing discoveries, and of course, the culture itself, all combine to make for a unique one-of-a-kind journey.

We met up in Brisbane, Australia, and traveled as a group to PNG's capital city of Port Moresby, settling into our usual comfortable oasis within the city. We then had a late lunch before heading out for our first sample of New Guinea birding, heading to the renowned Varirata National Park for a couple of hours of fun with fruit-doves, kookaburras, and birds-of-paradise – a lovely start to our grand adventure!



Here's our merry band of birders finishing up a birding outing at Varirata. Photo by guide Doug Gochfeld.

The next day was devoted almost entirely to travel, as we made our first foray into the arena of domestic air travel in PNG, flying from Port Moresby to Kiunga for the lowland section of the tour. Though we had to sweat it out for a time, the flight ended up going off without a hitch (as would all of this tour's flights, thankfully), and we landed in Kiunga and then took the three-and-a-half hour drive to the mining town of Tabubil in the lower foothills. This was our base of operations for two days of productive birding, as we took a headlong dive into the fauna of this spectacular island. We covered several sites, from the tried-and-true birding locations of Dablin Creek and Ok Menga to relatively newly open locations with still-unknown, and largely untapped, potential, like Henry's Road and the breathtakingly scenic high elevation Hindenburg Wall site along the newly opened Tabubil-Telefomin Road.

At Ok Menga, we got good views, in both binoculars and scope, of Shovel-billed Kookaburra, a notoriously difficult bird to see, even if you are hearing it loudly, well, and incessantly, at point blank range. In fact, this was by far my best experience with this species, so it was a great way to kick things off. We also had some views at the impressively large, yet tricky-to-see, Pesquet's Parrot there, along with some more common fare. Other fun birds during our exploration of these hills included Short-tailed Paradigalla, Lorentz's Whistler, Plum-faced Lorikeets in the highest reaches of Hindenburg Wall, along with a really cool-looking, well-camouflaged, as-yet-unidentified frog (an amazing spot by Jesse), and great looks at Wallace's Fairywren, White-crowned Koel (Cuckoo), and Papuan Hanging-Parrot at the lower foothill elevations.



The mysterious and stealthy Feline Owlet-Nightjar is often a total miss on visits to PNG, but we had no fewer than three encounters on this year's tour! Photo by guide Doug Gochfeld.

Then it was back down to Kiunga for three-plus days of birding in the sweaty lowlands. We did a combination of roadside birding, forest trail birding, and

boat birding, and found more than a sampling of the lowland possibilities here. We had good looks at Purple-tailed Imperial-Pigeon, Lowland Peltops, Gray-headed Cicadabird, three species of Imperial-Pigeons (Collared, Pinon's, Zoe's), repeated encounters with impressive Blyth's Hornbills, and a triad of "Golden" birds: Golden Cuckooshrike, Golden Monarch, and Golden Myna. During our repeated studying of riverine swiftlets, the groups of larger, fast-flying, distinctively-shaped Papuan Spinetails really stood out, and we had brief views of male Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise, which was avoiding its display perch, likely due to the Pacific Baza pair camped out nearby. The riparian forest walk we did as a break from our all day boat trip presented us with some challenging forest birding, but yielded Hook-billed Kingfisher, Little Paradise-Kingfisher, Common Paradise-Kingfisher, a well-hidden Sclater's Crowned-Pigeon on its nest, and brief, mostly naked eye views, of a small chattering group of the legendarily elusive Campbell's Fairywren, perhaps a first sighting on a Field Guides tour! Our evening night birding expedition ended up producing spectacular walkaway views of a very placid Marbled Frogmouth, and auditory experiences with both Papuan Owl (formerly called Papuan Hawk-Owl), and Wallace's Owlet-Nightjar. Before we checked in at the airport to depart these lowlands, we made a morning birding stop there, which, after a quiet start, eventually produced some birds, most notable being a nice flock of Crimson Finch!



A bird made that! A MacGregor's Bowerbird, to be exact. Jesse found one of the two MacGregor's Bowerbird bowers that we got to see on the grounds of Rondon. They find a sapling, build a Blair Witch-like stick structure up it, and then create a shallow rimmed bowl with cleared dance floor for it to show off to a lady bowerbird. Photo by guide Jesse Fagan.

The highlands are, for many people, the most looked-forward-to section of a trip to New Guinea, with its mix of rich and (in)famous cultural traditions, and mysterious, spectacular, and sometimes bizarre, bird life. We split our time here between Kumul Lodge and Rondon Ridge. At Kumul, our time was split between birding on the grounds of the lodge property, and van excursions to the neighboring valleys and hills. At Kama village, it felt like we were as much objects of observation by the locals, as the birds were objects of our own observation, whereas on our two visits to Murmur Pass, and our time on the trails of Rondon Ridge, it sometimes felt like we were the only humans in the mountains. The highlights between all of these locales were many, and they weren't solely avian. In addition to the highlight birds, we had several species of interesting native mammals, including three species of ringtails

(plus a fourth seen after hours by Doug), a cuscus, and several Speckled Dasyures!

The highlands are the region to come to for the best diversity of Birds-of-Paradise (BoP), and the list of our BoPs ran long: Ribbon-tailed Astrapias with their obscenely long, flowing white tail streamers, and their cousin Stephanie's Astrapia, with their jet black tail; Lesser Bird-of-Paradise, Kama's prize, showing it's bright yellow bustle on its song perch, King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise with its bizarre long plastic-like head plumes, waving around in the wind, or any time it turned its head, making its sizzling bacon display song; the impressive Brown Sicklebill and its machine-gun like call resonating through the forest, the turquoise-shielded Greater Lophorina (formerly Superb BoP), and of course, the shy but gorgeous Blue BoP, which we finally caught up to at Rondon, after a tricky and fruitless hike for the species a few days earlier.

The highland birding is not all about BoPs though. They hold a wide array of other spectacular feathered friends, and we saw a pile of them, including all the endemic families of the island. Wattled Ploughbill is not usually the most difficult, but it took a while, and we eventually had great views of a singing male at Rondon. Mottled Berryhunter performed abnormally well at Murmur Pass a couple of times, including for scope views, and we eventually saw both Tit, and Eastern Crested Berrypeckers well - great birds! The ground-dwelling birds of New Guinea are renowned for their shyness and how difficult they are to see, but we did great with them this year: we played hide-and-seek (mostly hide) with a Spotted Jewel-Babbler, but had great looks at Lesser Melampitta, Forbes's Forest-Rail, AND New Guinea Woodcock. Other highlights included Blue-capped Ifrita, a mind-blowing male Crested Satinbird, Black-breasted Boatbill, and Black Pitohui.



Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise

Our final two and a half days of the main tour were devoted to birding around Port Moresby, and we visited the campus of Pacific Adventist University for a couple of hours on an afternoon, and spent the balance of our birding time in the large and bird-rich Varirata National Park, one of the more diverse accessible birding sites in the country. The former site provided Fawn-breasted Bowerbird (and its bower!), a procession of huge Channel-billed Cuckoos, and a perched Papuan Frogmouth (and Common Myna, perhaps a capital area first record, but hopefully one that does NOT gain a foothold!). Varirata, meanwhile, was a fire hose of new birds, and the mixed flock birding was particularly exciting. The big show-stopper here was the spectacle of Raggiana Birds-of-Paradise in full on display mode upon our first morning arrival. Highlights just behind this spectacle were great views of Papuan Pitta and Barred Owlet-Nightjar, and good views of Greater Black Coucal, the poisonous (not venomous) Hooded Pitohui, and another Papuan Frogmouth. Flowering tall trees in the forest gave us a mix that included Red-flanked Lorikeet, Spotted Honeyeater, and Spectacled Longbill. Fruit-

doves and kingfishers were also both well-represented, with Superb, Dwarf, Beautiful, Pink-spotted, Orange-bellied, and Wompoo on the dove front, and the latter including Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher, Papuan Dwarf-Kingfisher (great views, adorable!), Yellow-billed Kingfisher (point-blank, walkaway views in the wide open), and the striking Rufous-bellied Kookaburra. It was then a goodbye to those of our group who would not be travelling onward to New Britain on the extension, and we had one last nice dinner as a full group, where we reflected on our highlights of the past three weeks in the country.



The longest-tailed male Ribbon-tailed Astrapias have the largest tail-to-body ratio of any species of bird. What an insane bird! Photo by guide Doug Gochfeld.

Our flight to New Britain was uneventful, and our transfer from Hoskins to Walindi Plantation Dive Resort was smooth, getting us there in time to take a load off and have a little break, before an exploration of the grounds yielded the group our couple of Bismarck endemics, and a group of what would be our only Lesser Frigatebirds of the tour. We then spent the next three days

birding sites within striking distance of Walindi, including much of one day on a lovely boat trip, complete with Spinner Dolphins, delightful snorkelling, and a tasty homemade lunch. It also featured several species of endemic birds that are only found here on off shore islands, making for a well-rounded and really enjoyable day. The landbirding was rewarding as well, with Nicobar Pigeon, Violaceous Coucal, Papuan Grassbird, Purple-bellied Lory, and Pale-vented Bushhen among the wide selection of birds that we had good experiences with. The oil palm plantations of New Britain can be disheartening, but they also might be the easiest place on the planet to see Black Bittern and Buff-banded Rail well. Some of the highlight species we prioritized, and connected with, were Black-capped Paradise and New Britain Dwarf kingfishers, Melanesian Megapode, Singing Parrot, and less encountered species such as Bismarck Monarch, Black-bellied Myzomela, and Black Honey-Buzzard. A few of us also went for a night walk around the Walindi grounds, and had multiple species of bats, including the strikingly patterned, poorly known, and seldom reported Bismarck Flying-Fox!

While on the subject of non-birds, a full accounting of the non-birds on this extremely biodiverse tour would be impossible, but a summary of the mammals and some of the other noteworthy creatures we encountered are listed below:



Here is a collage of several of the highlight mammals we saw during the tour. Clockwise from upper left: Masked Ringtail-Possum, Coppery Ringtail, the Tube-nosed Fruit-Bat at Varirata (genus *Nyctimene*), Mountain Cuscus, Bismarck Flying-Fox, Spotted Dasyure, a species of Naked Fruit-Bat (genus *Dobsonia*), and Pygmy Ring-tailed Possum. Photos by guide Doug Gochfeld.

This was a banner year for mammals for our Papua New Guinea tour, and most of these were spotted at night, where we expended more effort than usual looking for creatures of the darkness. Our full near-complete (I am perhaps forgetting a couple of unidentified and briefly seen bats or rodents) mammal list follows:

Speckled Dasyure (*Neophascogale lorentzii*) - Three at Kumul, one at Murmur Pass

Masked Ring-tailed Possum (*Pseudochirulus larvatus*) - Kumul

Pygmy Ring-tailed Possum (*Pseudochirulus mayeri*) - Kumul

Coppery Ringtail (*Pseudochirops cupreus*) - Kumul

Mountain Cuscus (*Phalanger carmelitae*) - Kumul

Rat sp.? (Murroid of some type) - In the field near Kumul

Black-tailed Giant-Rat (*Uromys anak*) - Near the feeders at Kumul

Small tree mouse (genus *Melomys*) - Kumul

Bat in suborder Yangochiroptera - Flying over Kiunga

Great Flying-Fox (*Pteropus neohibernicus*) - Fly & Elevala Rivers, New Britain

Spectacled Flying-Fox (*Pteropus conspicillatus*) - The bat roost at PAU

Tube-nosed Fruit-Bat (*Nyctimene* sp.) - The awesome hanging bat we found in the forest at Varirata

Bismarck Flying-Fox (*Pteropus capistratus*) - The even more awesome-looking bespectacled flying-fox that Doug and Brian saw at Walindi

Naked-backed Fruit Bat (*Dobsonia* sp.) - One or two species in this genus were at Walindi

Spinner Dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*) - Boat trip from Walindi

Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops aduncus*) - Boat trip from Walindi



And here's a collection of the Arthropods we encountered. Clockwise from top left: A species of Swallowtail Moth (genus *Alcides*), *Tanaorhinus unipuncta*, the Scorpion at Kiunga (Genus *Hormurus*), the Jumping spider at Dablin Creek (Tribe *Euophryini*), Unknown species of caterpillar, *Cocytia durvillii*, and in the center, the beast: *Coscinocera anteus*, with human hand for scale. Center photo by guide Jesse Fagan, all other photos by guide Doug Gochfeld.

We saw far too many other creatures to list on this trip list, but some of the notable non-bird, non-mammal, animal highlights follow. In addition to the list below, there were hundreds of moths, dozens of butterflies, a couple of mantises, and several more species of lizards (mostly skink), mostly that I haven't found an identification for yet. Some of the moths have been identified as species new to iNaturalist, and indeed some had not been photographed before this. Such is the way in New Guinea, where all that stands between a naturalist and discovery is stepping outside.

Scorpion (Genus *Hormurus*) - Jesse requested of Jimmy that we see a scorpion, and Jimmy sent a couple of the boys off into the woods looking for

one. They came back fifteen or twenty minutes later with a *Hormurus*, and it's even possible that one day we'll have a species ID on this one!

Blind Snake (Family Typhlopidae) - We had a Blind Snake slithering along the trail at Varirata, and despite photos and videos, it is likely that we will never know the species identification, as there are double-digit numbers of similar species known from New Guinea, and who knows how many undescribed species that look similar! Either way, a great find!

Hindenburg Frog (Family Microhylidae) - Jesse made a great find of a cryptically patterned frog high up at Hindenburg Wall, and it has so far defied identification. Indeed, perhaps it is an undescribed species.

Cane Toad (*Rhinella marina*) - Plenty on New Guinea, and then completely insane numbers alongside and in the road at the New Britain oil palm plantations in the evening. I stopped counting when we got over 200.

White-lipped Tree Frog (*Sandyrana infrafronata*) - The big green frog that was perched on a large leaf as we made our way back through the palm plantation at night on New Britain.

Bismarck Ringed Python (*Bothrochilus boa*) - A several-foot-long version of this species squiggled across the road in the oil palm plantation as we were heading back from an evening at the Kulu River on New Britain.

Pacific Bluetail Skink (*Emoia caeruleocauda*)

Obscure Emo Skink (*Emoia obscura*)

Kopstein's Emo Skink (*Emoia jakati*)

Asian House Gecko (*Hemidactylus frenatus*)

Papuan Hermit Spider (*Nephilengys papuana*) - The big orange and black spider at the outhouse at our picnic area along the Elevala River.

Lichen huntsman spider (Genus Panderbetes) - the spider that blended perfectly into the lichen and moss-covered water pipe at Dablin Creek was in this genus.

Coscinocera anteus "Hercules Moth" - The large moth that Connie had on her room window at Rondon was one of this huge species. "Hercules Moth" is actually the common name of a different species in the same genus, but the phrase is often used as a catchall for the entire genus of similar-looking huge moths in the Emperor Moth subfamily.

Cocytia durvillii - The spectacular looking "clear-wing" moth that flew across the Elevala River and landed on our boat, and that Jimmy caught and showed to us inside the boat.

If you're viewing this on a computer, the slideshow gallery below has some more nice visual treats from the tour. Enjoy!

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-- -Doug Gochfeld (Treeswift)

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Species Observed


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Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*

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Radjah Shelduck *Radjah radjah*

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Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

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Yellow-legged Brushturkey *Talegalla fuscirostris*

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- 11


Melanesian Megapode *Megapodius eremita*

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Blue-breasted Quail *Synoicus chinensis*

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Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* *

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Amboyna Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis*

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Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia nigrirostris*

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Spot-breasted Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia mackinlayi*

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Great Cuckoo-Dove *Reinwardtoena reinwardti*

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Stephan's Dove *Chalcophaps stephani*

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Peaceful Dove *Geopelia placida*


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Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*


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Nicobar Pigeon *Caloenas nicobarica*

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Cinnamon Ground Dove *Gallicolumba rufigula* 

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Thick-billed Ground-Pigeon *Trugon terrestris* 

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Pheasant Pigeon *Otidiphaps nobilis*
























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Sclater's Crowned-Pigeon *Goura sclaterii*
























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Wompoo Fruit-Dove *Megaloprepia magnifica*
























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8	Dwarf Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus nainus</i>	▶  3
8	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	▶  4
13	White-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>	▶  3
39	Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>	▶  7
34	Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus</i>	▶  6
3	Ornate Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus ornatus</i>	▶  2
1	Knob-billed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus insolitus</i>	▶  1
9	Beautiful Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus pulchellus</i>	▶  5
1	Coroneted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus coronulatus</i>	▶  1
41	Red-knobbed Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera</i>	▶  7
2	Purple-tailed Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula rufigaster</i>	▶  2
2	Finsch's Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula finschii</i>	▶  1
60	Island Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	▶  1
12	Pinon's Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon</i>	▶  5
16	Collared Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula mullerii</i>	▶  4
13	Zoe's Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>	▶  8
42	Yellowish Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula subflavescens</i>	▶  3
23	Torresian Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>	▶  2
300	Papuan Mountain-Pigeon	<i>Gymnophaps albertisii</i>	▶  11
23	Pied Coucal	<i>Centropus ateralbus</i>	▶  6
6	Greater Black Coucal	<i>Centropus menbeki</i>	▶  4
6	Violaceous Coucal	<i>Centropus violaceus</i>	▶  3
3	Lesser Black Coucal	<i>Centropus bernsteini</i>	▶  3
1	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	▶  1
























6	Dwarf Koel	<i>Microdynamis parva</i>	▶  4
12	Pacific Koel	<i>Eudynamis orientalis</i>	▶  3
14	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	▶  2
3	Rufous-throated Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites ruficollis</i>	▶  1
1	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites lucidus</i>	▶  1
5	White-eared Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites meyerii</i>	▶  3
1	White-crowned Cuckoo	<i>Caliechthrus leucolophus</i>	▶  1
2	Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis castaneiventris</i>	▶  2
6	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	▶  5
13	Sahul Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	▶  9
5	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	▶  2
4	Marbled Frogmouth	<i>Podargus ocellatus</i>	▶  3
2	Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>	▶  2
4	Feline Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles insignis</i>	▶  3
1	Wallace's Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles wallacii</i>	▶  1
4	Mountain Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles albertisi</i>	▶  2
2	Barred Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles bennettii</i>	▶  1
66	Papuan Spinetail	<i>Mearnsia novaeguineae</i>	▶  4
84	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	▶  13
20	Mountain Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus hirundinaceus</i>	▶  4
21	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	▶  2
150	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	▶  8
13	Moustached Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>	▶  6
























2	Forbes's Forest Rail	<i>Rallicula forbesi</i>	▶  2
32	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	▶  9
3	Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	▶  1
50	Australasian Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio melanotus</i>	▶  1
16	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i>	▶  5
2	Pale-vented Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccana</i>	▶  1
4	Pied Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	▶  2
10	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	▶  3
10	Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	▶  1
1	New Guinea Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rosenbergii</i>	▶  1
6	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	▶  2
194	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	▶  5
99	Great Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	▶  5
1	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	▶  1
2	Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	▶  1
2	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>	▶  2
25	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	▶  1
15	Australian Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	▶  1
2	Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	▶  1
9	Black Bittern	<i>Botaurus flavicollis</i>	▶  4
18	Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	▶  7
3	Pacific Reef-Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	▶  2
6	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	▶  4
























35	Pied Heron	<i>Egretta picata</i>	▶  1
129	Eastern Cattle-Egret	<i>Ardea coromanda</i>	▶  3
12	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	▶  6
9	Plumed Egret	<i>Ardea plumifera</i>	▶  3
1	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	▶  1
9	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	▶  4
8	Long-tailed Honey-buzzard	<i>Henicopernis longicauda</i>	▶  4
1	Black Honey-buzzard	<i>Henicopernis infuscatus</i> ✓	▶  1
3	Pygmy Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus weiskei</i>	▶  3
5	Gray-headed Goshawk	<i>Tachyspiza poliocephala</i>	▶  4
9	Variable Goshawk	<i>Tachyspiza hiogaster</i>	▶  6
3	Papuan Harrier	<i>Circus spilothorax</i>	▶  1
50	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	▶  8
57	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	▶  22
1	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	▶  1
3	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga leucogaster</i>	▶  3
1	Golden Masked-Owl	<i>Tyto aurantia</i>	▶  1
2	Barking Owl	<i>Ninox connivens</i>	▶  2
16	Papuan Boobook	<i>Ninox theomacha</i>	▶  2
2	New Britain Boobook	<i>Ninox odiosa</i>	▶  1
2	Papuan Owl	<i>Uroglaux dimorpha</i> ✓	▶  1
117	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Rhyticeros plicatus</i>	▶  10
145	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	▶  9
























5	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	▶  4
4	Papuan Dwarf-Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx solitarius</i>	▶  4
2	New Britain Dwarf-Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx sacerdotis</i>	▶  2
3	Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>	▶  2
11	Rufous-bellied Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>	▶  6
2	Shovel-billed Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo rex</i>	▶  1
1	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>	▶  1
2	New Britain Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus albonotatus</i>	▶  1
16	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	▶  6
4	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus saurophagus</i>	▶  1
3	Melanesian Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus tristrami</i>	▶  3
5	Hook-billed Kingfisher	<i>Melidora macrorrhina</i>	▶  4
9	Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro</i>	▶  5
3	Mountain Kingfisher	<i>Syma megarhyncha</i>	▶  2
1	Little Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera hydrocharis</i>	▶  1
1	Common Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera galatea</i>	▶  1
4	Brown-headed Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera danae</i>	▶  2
5	Black-capped Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera nigriceps</i>	▶  2
25	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	▶  5
1	Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	▶  1
1	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>	▶  1
1	Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	▶  1
2	Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	▶  1

2	Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>	▶  1
24	Blue-eyed Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua ophthalmica</i>	▶  3
24	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	▶  5
6	Pesquet's Parrot	<i>Psitttrichas fulgidus</i>	▶  1
6	Buff-faced Pygmy-Parrot	<i>Micropsitta pusio</i>	▶  1
6	Red-breasted Pygmy-Parrot	<i>Micropsitta bruijnii</i>	▶  1
1	Papuan King-Parrot	<i>Alisterus chloropterus</i>	▶  1
86	Papuan Eclectus	<i>Eclectus polychloros</i>	▶  18
62	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>	▶  10
3	Singing Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus heteroclitus</i>	▶  1
14	Brehm's Tiger-Parrot	<i>Psittacella brehmii</i>	▶  3
13	Dusky-cheeked Fig-Parrot	<i>Nannopsittacus melanogenia</i>	▶  2
4	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>	▶  2
4	Large Fig-Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta desmarestii</i>	▶  2
14	Plum-faced Lorikeet	<i>Oreopsittacus arfaki</i>	▶  3
23	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Hypocharmosyna placentis</i>	▶  3
25	Fairy Lorikeet	<i>Charmosynopsis pulchella</i> ✓	▶  1
4	Stella's Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna stellae</i>	▶  2
9	Red-chinned Lorikeet	<i>Vini rubrigularis</i>	▶  1
25	Yellow-billed Lorikeet	<i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii</i>	▶  5
3	Orange-billed Lorikeet	<i>Neopsittacus pullicauda</i>	▶  1
188	Purple-bellied Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>	▶  5
32	Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius lory</i>	▶  10
























41	Dusky Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta fuscata</i>	✓	▶  3
3	Yellow-streaked Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta scintillata</i>		▶  2
2	Goldie's Lorikeet	<i>Glossoptilus goldiei</i>		▶  1
86	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>		▶  7
5	Papuan Hanging-Parrot	<i>Loriculus aurantiifrons</i>		▶  4
1	Papuan Pitta	<i>Erythropitta macklotii</i>		▶  1
4	Bismarck Pitta	<i>Erythropitta novaehibernicae</i>		▶  2
3	Eastern Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta novaeguineae</i>		▶  2
1	Ochre-breasted Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus stonii</i>		▶  1
4	MacGregor's Bowerbird	<i>Amblyornis macgregoriae</i>		▶  3
2	Yellow-breasted Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera lauterbachii</i>		▶  1
12	Fawn-breasted Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera cerviniventris</i>		▶  1
1	Wallace's Fairywren	<i>Sipodotus wallacii</i>		▶  1
2	Campbell's Fairywren	<i>Chenorhamphus campbelli</i>	✓	▶  1
13	White-shouldered Fairywren	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>		▶  3
9	Plain Honeyeater	<i>Pycnopygius ixoides</i>		▶  4
17	Streak-headed Honeyeater	<i>Pycnopygius stictocephalus</i>		▶  8
1	Yellow-gaped Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga flavirictus</i>		▶  1
4	Mountain Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga orientalis</i>		▶  2
1	Mimic Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga analoga</i>		▶  1
4	Elegant Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga cinereifrons</i>		▶  2
14	Black-throated Honeyeater	<i>Caligavis subfrenata</i>		▶  4
3	Ornate Melidectes	<i>Melidectes torquatus</i>		▶  1
























- 31 **Belford's Melidectes** *Melidectes belfordi* ▶  6
- 23 **Yellow-browed Melidectes** *Melidectes rufocrissalis* ▶  7
- 1 **Yellow-tinted Honeyeater** *Ptilotula flavescens* ▶  1
- 5 **Rufous-banded Honeyeater** *Conopophila albogularis* ▶  2
- 73 **Smoky Honeyeater** *Melipotes fumigatus* ▶  13
- 1 **Long-billed Honeyeater** *Melilestes megarhynchus* ▶  1
- 3 **Ruby-throated Myzomela** *Myzomela eques* ▶  1
- 2 **Ashy Myzomela** *Myzomela cineracea* ▶  1
- 17 **Papuan Black Myzomela** *Myzomela nigrita* ▶  2
- 10 **Elfin Myzomela** *Myzomela adolphinae* ▶  4
- 15 **Sclater's Myzomela** *Myzomela sclateri* ▶  1
- 2 **Black-bellied Myzomela** *Myzomela erythromelas* ▶  1
- 22 **Red-collared Myzomela** *Myzomela rosenbergii* ▶  8
- 2 **Yellow-streaked Honeyeater** *Ptiloprora meekiana* ▶  2
- 11 **Rufous-backed Honeyeater** *Ptiloprora guisei* ▶  3
- 2 **Gray-streaked Honeyeater** *Ptiloprora perstriata* ▶  2
- 5 **White-throated Honeyeater** *Melithreptus albogularis* ▶  2
- 19 **Tawny-breasted Honeyeater** *Xanthotis flaviventer* ▶  6
- 4 **Spotted Honeyeater** *Xanthotis polygrammus* ▶  2
- 1 **Little Friarbird** *Philemon citreogularis* ▶  1
- 1 **Meyer's Friarbird** *Philemon meyeri* ▶  1
- 29 **Helmeted Friarbird** *Philemon buceroides* ▶  8
- 14 **New Britain Friarbird** *Philemon cockerelli* ▶  5
























3	Goldenface <i>Pachycare flavogriseum</i>	▶  1
5	Mountain Mouse-Warbler <i>Origma robusta</i>	▶  2
6	Rusty Mouse-Warbler <i>Origma murina</i>	▶  5
14	Large Scrubwren <i>Sericornis nouhuysi</i>	▶  3
2	Pale-billed Scrubwren <i>Aethomyias spilodera</i>	▶  1
35	Buff-faced Scrubwren <i>Aethomyias perspicillatus</i>	▶  4
9	Papuan Scrubwren <i>Aethomyias papuensis</i>	▶  3
2	Yellow-bellied Gerygone <i>Gerygone chrysogaster</i>	▶  2
13	Green-backed Gerygone <i>Gerygone chloronota</i>	▶  6
7	Brown-breasted Gerygone <i>Gerygone ruficollis</i>	▶  5
17	Papuan Babbler <i>Garritornis isidorei</i>	▶  3
6	Painted Quail-thrush <i>Cinclosoma ajax</i>	▶  2
1	Spotted Jewel-babbler <i>Ptilorrhoa leucosticta</i> ✓	▶  1
1	Blue Jewel-babbler <i>Ptilorrhoa caerulescens</i>	▶  1
1	Chestnut-backed Jewel-babbler <i>Ptilorrhoa castanonota</i>	▶  1
3	Stout-billed Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina caeruleogrisea</i>	▶  1
18	Barred Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina lineata</i>	▶  5
14	Boyer's Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina boyeri</i>	▶  5
9	White-bellied Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina papuensis</i>	▶  4
7	Golden Cuckooshrike <i>Campochaera sloetii</i>	▶  3
12	Varied Triller <i>Lalage leucomela</i>	▶  8
5	Black-bellied Cicadabird <i>Edolisoma montanum</i>	▶  2
8	Gray-headed Cicadabird <i>Edolisoma schisticeps</i>	▶  4

8	Black Cicadabird	<i>Edolisoma melas</i>	▶  2
2	Papuan Cicadabird	<i>Edolisoma incertum</i>	▶  2
5	Wattled Ploughbill	<i>Eulacestoma nigropectus</i>	▶  2
3	Rufous-naped Bellbird	<i>Aleadryas rufinucha</i>	▶  3
3	Piping Bellbird	<i>Ornorectes cristatus</i>	▶  3
16	Tit Berrypecker	<i>Oreocharis arfaki</i>	▶  2
6	Eastern Crested Berrypecker	<i>Paramythia montium</i>	▶  3
6	Rusty Pitohui	<i>Pseudorectes ferrugineus</i>	▶  5
1	White-bellied Pitohui	<i>Pseudorectes incertus</i>	▶  1
3	Gray Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	▶  3
5	Little Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha</i>	▶  5
2	Black Pitohui	<i>Melanorectes nigrescens</i>	▶  2
13	Regent Whistler	<i>Pachycephala schlegelii</i>	▶  5
1	Sclater's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala soror</i>	▶  1
4	Black-tailed Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	▶  1
1	Brown-backed Whistler	<i>Pachycephala modesta</i>	▶  1
2	Lorentz's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala lorentzi</i> ✓	▶  1
3	Black-headed Whistler	<i>Pachycephala monacha</i>	▶  1
4	Hooded Pitohui	<i>Pitohui dichrous</i>	▶  2
2	Southern Variable Pitohui	<i>Pitohui uropygialis</i>	▶  1
12	Brown Oriole	<i>Oriolus szalay</i>	▶  9
14	Australasian Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>	▶  1
5	Black-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerhynchus nigripectus</i>	▶  3

5	Great Woodswallow	<i>Artamus maximus</i>	▶ 2
21	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	▶ 5
2	Mountain Peltops	<i>Peltops montanus</i>	▶ 2
2	Lowland Peltops	<i>Peltops blainvillii</i>	▶ 2
3	Black-backed Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus mentalis</i>	▶ 1
20	Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>	▶ 11
4	Black Butcherbird	<i>Melloria quoyi</i>	▶ 2
3	Mottled Berryhunter	<i>Rhagologus leucostigma</i>	▶ 3
3	Black Fantail	<i>Rhipidura atra</i>	▶ 2
1	Sooty Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura threnothorax</i>	▶ 1
4	White-bellied Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura leucothorax</i>	▶ 4
161	Willie-wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	▶ 26
7	Dimorphic Fantail	<i>Rhipidura brachyrhyncha</i>	▶ 4
33	Friendly Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albolimbata</i>	▶ 9
4	Chestnut-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hyperythra</i>	▶ 2
25	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	▶ 9
5	Trumpet Manucode	<i>Phonygammus keraudrenii</i>	▶ 4
4	Crinkle-collared Manucode	<i>Manucodia chalybatus</i>	▶ 3
9	Glossy-mantled Manucode	<i>Manucodia ater</i>	▶ 4
7	King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Pteridophora alberti</i>	▶ 4
1	Carola's Parotia	<i>Parotia carolae</i>	▶ 1
1	Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Seleucidis melanoleucus</i>	▶ 1
8	Greater Lophorina	<i>Lophorina latipennis</i>	▶ 3

3	Magnificent Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris magnificus</i>	▶  1
5	Growling Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris intercedens</i>	▶  1
1	Black Sicklebill	<i>Epimachus fastosus</i>	▶  1
9	Brown Sicklebill	<i>Epimachus meyeri</i>	▶  6
1	Short-tailed Paradigalla	<i>Paradigalla brevicauda</i>	▶  1
6	Stephanie's Astrapia	<i>Astrapia stephaniae</i>	▶  4
10	Ribbon-tailed Astrapia	<i>Astrapia mayeri</i>	▶  3
2	King Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Cicinnurus regius</i>	▶  2
6	Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Diphyllodes magnificus</i>	▶  3
3	Blue Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisornis rudolphi</i>	▶  3
2	Lesser Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea minor</i>	▶  1
50	Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea raggiana</i>	▶  6
6	Greater Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea apoda</i>	▶  2
12	Blue-capped Ifrita	<i>Ifrita kowaldi</i>	▶  4
3	Golden Monarch	<i>Carterornis chrysomela</i>	▶  1
2	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens</i>	▶  1
1	Black-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha frater</i> ✓	▶  1
4	Fan-tailed Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus axillaris</i>	▶  3
1	Bismarck Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus verticalis</i>	▶  1
2	Spot-winged Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus guttula</i>	▶  1
8	Frilled Monarch	<i>Arses telescopthalmus</i>	▶  5
10	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>	▶  6
2	Velvet Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra eichhorni</i>	▶  1

6	Lesser Melampitta	<i>Melampitta lugubris</i>	▶  2
5	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	▶  4
15	Gray Crow	<i>Corvus tristis</i>	▶  5
16	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	▶  7
37	Bismarck Crow	<i>Corvus insularis</i>	▶  10
4	Loria's Satinbird	<i>Cnemophilus loriae</i>	▶  3
2	Crested Satinbird	<i>Cnemophilus macgregorii</i>	▶  2
1	Obscure Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis arfakiana</i>	▶  1
3	Black Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis nigra</i>	▶  1
12	Mid-mountain Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis longicauda</i>	▶  6
17	Fan-tailed Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis versteri</i>	▶  8
2	Yellow-bellied Longbill	<i>Toxorhamphus novaeguineae</i>	▶  2
16	Slaty-chinned Longbill	<i>Toxorhamphus poliopterus</i>	▶  4
4	Spectacled Longbill	<i>Oedistoma iliolophus</i>	▶  3
2	Pygmy Longbill	<i>Oedistoma pygmaeum</i>	▶  2
1	Garnet Robin	<i>Eugerygone rubra</i>	▶  1
10	Canary Flyrobin	<i>Devioeca papuana</i>	▶  5
5	Torrent Flyrobin	<i>Monachella muelleriana</i>	▶  2
4	Lemon-bellied Flyrobin	<i>Microeca flavigaster</i>	▶  2
2	Papuan Scrub-Robin	<i>Drymodes beccarii</i>	▶  1
2	Black-throated Robin	<i>Plesiodryas albonotata</i>	▶  2
1	Black-sided Robin	<i>Poecilodryas hypoleuca</i>	▶  1
2	White-rumped Robin	<i>Melanodryas bimaculata</i>	▶  1

11	White-winged Robin	<i>Melanodryas sigillata</i>	▶  3
11	Blue-gray Robin	<i>Melanodryas cyanus</i>	▶  6
2	White-faced Robin	<i>Eopsaltria leucops</i>	▶  1
13	Australian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus australis</i>	▶  2
6	Papuan Grassbird	<i>Cincloramphus macrurus</i>	▶  4
51	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo javanica</i>	▶  12
31	Island Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus poliocephalus</i>	▶  4
1	Black-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops minor</i>	▶  1
67	New Guinea White-eye	<i>Zosterops novaeguineae</i>	▶  5
1746	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>	▶  14
8	Singing Starling	<i>Aplonis cantoroides</i>	▶  4
49	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>	▶  12
10	Golden Myna	<i>Mino anais</i>	▶  2
8	Long-tailed Myna	<i>Mino kreffti</i>	▶  3
2	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i> *	▶  1
7	Papuan Island-Thrush	<i>Turdus papuensis</i>	▶  5
9	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	▶  5
16	Red-capped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum geelvinkianum</i>	▶  10
9	Red-banded Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum eximium</i>	▶  3
39	Black Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma aspasia</i>	▶  11
11	Sahul Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris frenatus</i>	▶  4
15	Crimson Finch	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>	▶  1
60	Gray-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura caniceps</i>	▶  1










- 58 **Hooded Munia** *Lonchura spectabilis* ▶ 4
- 269 **Bismarck Munia** *Lonchura melaena* ▶ 5
- 11 **Blue-faced Parrotfinch** *Erythrura trichroa* ▶ 2
- 2 **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* * ▶ 1
- 98 **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus* * ▶ 12
- 2 **Australian Pipit** *Anthus australis* ▶ 1

HYBRIDS

- 1 Lesser x Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise (hybrid) *Paradisaea minor x raggiana* ▶ 1

ADDITIONAL TAXA

- 13 **Macropygia sp.** *Macropygia sp.* ▶ 6
- 25 **fruit-dove sp.** *Ptilinopus sp.* ▶ 2
- 3 **imperial-pigeon sp.** *Ducula sp.* ▶ 1
- 309 **dark swiftlet sp.** *Aerodramus sp.* ▶ 12
- 77 **swiftlet sp.** *Collocalia/Aerodramus sp.* ▶ 8
- 1 **swift sp.** *Apodidae sp.* ▶ 1
- 10 **tern sp.** *Sterninae sp.* ▶ 1
- 7 **frigatebird sp.** *Fregata sp.* ▶ 1
- 3 **white egret sp.** *Egretta/Ardea sp.* ▶ 2
- 2 **Accipitrine hawk sp. (former Accipiter sp.)** *Aerospiza/Tachyspiza/Accipiter/Astur sp.* ▶ 2
- 3 **Todiramphus sp.** *Todiramphus sp.* ▶ 2
- 1 **kingfisher sp.** *Alcedinidae sp.* ▶ 1
- 1 **falcon sp.** *Falco sp.* ▶ 1
- 3 **diurnal raptor sp.** *Accipitriformes/Falconiformes sp.* ▶ 2
- 8 **lorikeet sp.** *Psittaculidae sp. (lorikeet sp.)* ▶ 1

76	parrot sp. <i>Psittaciformes</i> sp. (parrot sp.)	▶  4
53	Meliphaga sp. <i>Meliphaga</i> sp.	▶  9
3	scrubwren sp. <i>Neosericornis</i> / <i>Sericornis</i> / <i>Aethomyias</i> sp.	▶  1
32	cuckooshrike sp. <i>Campephagidae</i> sp.	▶  2
4	manucode sp. <i>Phonygammus</i> / <i>Manucodia</i> sp.	▶  2
17	Zosterops sp. <i>Zosterops</i> sp.	▶  2
156	Lonchura sp. <i>Lonchura</i> sp.	▶  4
5	Passer sp. <i>Passer</i> sp.	▶  1
20	passerine sp. <i>Passeriformes</i> sp.	▶  1