

West Papua - A Birds-of-Paradise Special

Naturetrek Tour Report

20th August – 7th September 2025



Hooded Pitohui



Red Bird-of-Paradise



Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise



Black Sickiebill

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Species lists

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	August-September 2025														
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Sunda Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons</i>	✓														
Collared Brushturkey	<i>Talegalla jobiensis</i>			✓	✓		✓									
Dusky Megapode	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>														✓	
Brown Quail	<i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i>		✓													
Papuan Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus papuensis</i>				✓											
Marbled Frogmouth	<i>Podargus ocellatus</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>		✓													
Feline Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles insignis</i>								✓							
Mountain Owlet-nightjar	<i>Aegotheles albertisi</i>							✓								
Moustached Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>		✓			✓								✓		
Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>			✓		✓	✓								✓	
Cave Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia linchi</i>	✓														
Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Papuan Spinetail	<i>Mearnsia novaeguineae</i>					✓	✓									
Ivory-billed Coucal	<i>Centropus menbeki</i>					✓	✓									
Black-billed Coucal	<i>Centropus bernsteini</i>		✓				✓									
Dwarf Koel	<i>Microdynamis parva</i>						✓									
Pacific Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>									✓		✓				
Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>														✓	
White-eared Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites meyerii</i>							✓								
Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	✓														
Sahul Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>		✓			✓	✓									
Metallic Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis</i>								✓			✓				
Sunda Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia bitorquata</i>	✓														
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓												
Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia doreya</i>														✓	
Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>							✓								
Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardti</i>					✓										
Pink-necked Green Pigeon	<i>Treron vernans</i>	✓														
Wompoo Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>			✓		✓									✓	

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Pink-spotted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus</i>					✓										
Ornate Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus ornatus</i>							✓								
Coroneted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus coronulatus</i>					✓	✓									
Beautiful Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus pulchellus</i>					✓										
White-bibbed Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>								✓			✓				
Claret-breasted Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>													✓		
Orange-bellied Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Spice Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula myristicivora</i>													✓		
Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rufigaster</i>			✓												
Pinon's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon</i>			✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	
Zoe's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>			✓		✓										
Papuan Mountain Pigeon	<i>Gymnophaps albertisii</i>								✓							
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓														
Pale-vented Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccana</i>											✓				
Pied Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	✓														
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Siberian Sand Plover	<i>Anarhynchus mongolus</i>													✓		
Javan Plover	<i>Anarhynchus javanicus</i>	✓														
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>													✓	✓	
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>												✓			
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓											✓	✓	
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>													✓		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓														
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>													✓	✓	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>													✓	✓	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	✓														
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	✓														
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	✓											✓			
Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>												✓			
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacifica</i>												✓			
Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>												✓			
Milky Stork	<i>Mycteria cinerea</i>	✓														
Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	✓											✓			
Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	✓														

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Christmas Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>	✓														
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓														
Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	✓														
Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>														✓	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓														
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓												✓	✓	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	✓													✓	
Javan Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola speciosa</i>	✓														
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓													✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓														
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓														
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>														✓	
Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>								✓							
Papuan Eagle	<i>Harpyopsis novaeguineae</i>										✓					
Variable Goshawk	<i>Tachyspiza hiogaster</i>					✓										
Black-mantled Goshawk	<i>Tachyspiza melanochlamys</i>										✓					
Meyer's Goshawk	<i>Astur meyerianus</i>													✓		
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>			✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	
Papuan Boobook	<i>Ninox theomacha</i>											✓				
Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Rhyticeros plicatus</i>			✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	
Oriental Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>		✓			✓	✓								✓	
Hook-billed Kingfisher	<i>Melidora macrorrhina</i>			✓		✓								✓		
Common Paradise Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera galatea</i>				✓									✓		
Rufous-bellied Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>			✓		✓	✓									
Blue-black Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus nigrocyaneus</i>						✓									
Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i>	✓														
Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus saurophagus</i>														✓	
Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>													✓	✓	
Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro</i>			✓		✓	✓									
Cerulean Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo coerulescens</i>	✓														
Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx solitarius</i>				✓											
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	✓														
Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>						✓								✓	
Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus moluccensis</i>	✓														

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Freckle-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos analis</i>	✓														
Common Flameback	<i>Dinopium javanense</i>	✓														
Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>								✓					✓		✓
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>			✓		✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	
Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta pusio</i>			✓												
Papuan Eclectus	<i>Eclectus polychloros</i>						✓							✓	✓	
Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>			✓			✓							✓		
Great-billed Parrot	<i>Tanygnathus megalorynchos</i>														✓	
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	✓														
Brehm's Tiger Parrot	<i>Psittacella brehmii</i>										✓					
West Papuan Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna papou</i>								✓		✓					
Yellow-billed Lorikeet	<i>Neopsittacus musschenbroekii</i>									✓	✓					
Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius lory</i>			✓		✓	✓									
Brown Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta duivenbodei</i>		✓													
Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>														✓	
Salvadori's Fig Parrot	<i>Psittaculirostris salvadorii</i>					✓										
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma</i>					✓	✓									
Papuan Pitta	<i>Erythropitta macklotii</i>				✓									✓		
Eastern Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta novaeguineae</i>						✓									
Arfak Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus arfakianus</i>											✓				
Vogelkop Bowerbird	<i>Amblyornis inornata</i>										✓					
Fawn-breasted Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera cerviniventris</i>		✓			✓										
Papuan Treecreeper	<i>Cormobates placens</i>										✓					
Emperor Fairywren	<i>Malurus cyanocephalus</i>			✓			✓									
White-shouldered Fairywren	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>		✓													
Rufous-sided Honeyeater	<i>Ptiloprora erythropleura</i>										✓					
Long-billed Honeyeater	<i>Melilestes megarhynchus</i>						✓		✓							
Arfak Honeyeater	<i>Melipotes gymnops</i>								✓							
Streak-headed Honeyeater	<i>Pycnopygius stictocephalus</i>						✓									
Mountain Myzomela	<i>Myzomela adolphinae</i>											✓				
Red-collared Myzomela	<i>Myzomela rosenbergii</i>										✓					
Meyer's Friarbird	<i>Philemon meyeri</i>					✓										
Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓								✓	
Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer</i>					✓	✓									

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Mountain Honeyeater	<i>Microptilotis orientalis</i>											✓				
Mimic Honeyeater	<i>Microptilotis analogus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Cinnamon-browed Melidectes	<i>Melidectes ochromelas</i>										✓					
Ornate Melidectes	<i>Melidectes torquatus</i>								✓			✓				
Goldenface	<i>Pachycare flavogriseum</i>											✓				
Rusty Mouse-warbler	<i>Origma murina</i>								✓							
Vogelkop Scrubwren	<i>Aethomyias rufescens</i>								✓							
Grey-green Scrubwren	<i>Aethomyias arfakianus</i>								✓							
Golden-bellied Gerygone	<i>Gerygone sulphurea</i>	✓														
Brown-breasted Gerygone	<i>Gerygone ruficollis</i>								✓					✓		
Black-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus nigripectus</i>							✓				✓				
White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	✓												✓	✓	
Great Woodswallow	<i>Artamus maximus</i>														✓	
Lowland Peltops	<i>Peltops blainvillii</i>			✓		✓										
Black Butcherbird	<i>Melloria quoyi</i>						✓									
Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>					✓	✓							✓		
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	✓														
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	✓														
Stout-billed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina caeruleogrisea</i>											✓				
Boyer's Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina boyeri</i>			✓		✓										
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>		✓			✓										
Black Cicadabird	<i>Edolisoma melas</i>						✓									
Black-browed Triller	<i>Lalage atrovirens</i>			✓		✓	✓									
Rufous-naped Bellbird	<i>Aleadryas rufinucha</i>							✓	✓							
Vogelkop Whistler	<i>Pachycephala meyeri</i>									✓						
Sclater's Whistler	<i>Pachycephala soror</i>							✓								
Regent Whistler	<i>Pachycephala schlegelii</i>									✓						
Rusty Pitohui	<i>Pseudorectes ferrugineus</i>											✓				
Mamberamo Shrikethrush	<i>Colluricincla obscura</i>				✓	✓										
Raja Ampat Pitohui	<i>Pitohui cerviniventris</i>														✓	
Hooded Pitohui	<i>Pitohui dichrous</i>											✓				
Brown Oriole	<i>Oriolus szalayii</i>														✓	
Spangled (Papuan) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus carbonarius</i>			✓		✓	✓									
Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>		✓	✓		✓								✓	✓	

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Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>			✓		✓										
Sooty Thicket Fantail	<i>Rhipidura threnothorax</i>			✓												
White-bellied Thicket Fantail	<i>Rhipidura leucothorax</i>		✓			✓	✓									
Black Fantail	<i>Rhipidura atra</i>								✓							
Friendly Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albolimbata</i>							✓								
Dimorphic Fantail	<i>Rhipidura brachyrhyncha</i>										✓					
Spot-winged Monarch	<i>Symposiachrus guttula</i>			✓												
Black-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha frater</i>											✓				
Ochre-collared Monarch	<i>Arses insularis</i>			✓												
Frisled Monarch	<i>Arses telescopthalmus</i>														✓	
Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓									
Brown-headed Crow	<i>Corvus fuscicapillus</i>													✓		
Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>													✓		
Lesser Melampitta	<i>Melampitta lugubris</i>							✓								
Glossy-mantled Manucode	<i>Manucodia ater</i>					✓	✓							✓		
Long-tailed Paradigalla	<i>Paradigalla carunculata</i>									✓						
Western Parotia	<i>Parotia sefilata</i>									✓						
Vogelkop Lophorina	<i>Lophorina superba</i>								✓	✓						
Magnificent Riflebird	<i>Ptiloris magnificus</i>				✓				✓			✓				
Black Sickiebill	<i>Epimachus fastosus</i>									✓	✓					
Pale-billed Sickiebill	<i>Drepanornis bruijnii</i>					✓										
Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Diphyllodes magnificus</i>								✓			✓				
Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Diphyllodes respublica</i>														✓	
King Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Cicinnurus regius</i>				✓											
Twelve-wired Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Seleucidis melanoleucus</i>			✓		✓										
Lesser Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea minor</i>			✓		✓			✓							
Red Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea rubra</i>													✓		
Lesser Ground Robin	<i>Amalocichla incerta</i>										✓					
Canary Flyrobin	<i>Devioeca papuana</i>									✓						
Black-sided Robin	<i>Poecilodryas hypoleuca</i>			✓												
Slaty Robin	<i>Peneothello cyanus</i>							✓								
White-rumped Robin	<i>Peneothello bimaculata</i>								✓							
Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>	✓														
Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus aurigaster</i>	✓														

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Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo javanica</i>	✓												✓	✓	
Island Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus poliocephalus</i>								✓							
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	✓														
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>		✓													
Bar-winged Prinia	<i>Prinia familiaris</i>	✓														
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	✓														
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓														
Olive-backed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sepium</i>	✓														
Green-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops minor</i>											✓				
Capped White-eye	<i>Zosterops fuscicapilla</i>											✓				
Papuan White-eye	<i>Zosterops novaeguineae</i>											✓				
Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>		✓			✓	✓									
Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>					✓	✓									
Javan Myna	<i>Acridotheres javanicus</i>	✓														
Black-winged Myna	<i>Acridotheres melanopterus</i>	✓														
Olive-crowned Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pectorale</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red-capped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum geelvinkianum</i>			✓			✓									
Black Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma aspasia</i>					✓	✓									
Sahul Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris frenatus</i>					✓	✓									
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓													
Crimson Finch	<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>		✓													
Streak-headed Mannikin	<i>Maymunia tristissima</i>		✓													
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	✓														
Javan Munia	<i>Lonchura leucogastroides</i>	✓														
White-capped Munia	<i>Lonchura ferruginosa</i>	✓														
White-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura maja</i>	✓														
Great-billed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura grandis</i>		✓													
Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>		✓													