

Manokwari lowlands

Birding walk

0.5 or 1 day

Please enquire for an up-to-date quote

This half or full day's Manokwari birding walk takes us to a large tract of foothill forest that supports a well-diversified and colorful lowland forest avifauna including the restricted-range Red-billed Brushturkey, Western Crowned Pigeon, and Painted Quail-thrush plus six species of bird-of-paradise: Glossy-mantled and Trumpet Manucode, Magnificent Riflebird, and Magnificent, King, and Lesser Bird-of-paradise.

When?

Possible year-round, but most certainly best from June to November.

Scheduled departures

Please enquire for details on our upcoming departures.

Physical effort

Relaxed birding in flat or only slightly undulating terrain.

Tour description

We shall set out pre-dawn on the one hour's drive by chartered vehicle to an area of selectively logged and primary foothill forest where we shall be birding along a fabulous forest trail. First stop will be a known display tree of the King Bird-of-paradise, and it should not take long before we come to grips with this little gem, in fact the smallest of all paradisaeids, which 19th century naturalist A. R. Wallace so amiably described as 'a wanton waste of extreme beauty'. The rest of the morning, we shall bird in search of a fine selection of other goodies that occur here: Red-billed Brushturkey, Orange-footed Megapode, Long-tailed Honey Buzzard, Pygmy and Gurney's Eagle, Grey-headed Goshawk, Sultan's and Great Cuckoo-Dove, Stephan's Emerald Dove, Thick-billed Ground Pigeon, Cinnamon Ground Dove, Western Crowned Pigeon, Wompoo, Pink-spotted, Superb, Beautiful, Claret-breasted, Orange-bellied and Dwarf Fruit Dove, Purple-tailed, Pinon's and Zoe's Imperial Pigeon, Greater Black Coucal, Dwarf Koel, White-crowned and Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo, Moustached Treeswift, Hook-billed Kingfisher, Common Paradise Kingfisher, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Yellow-billed Kingfisher, Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher, Azure Kingfisher, Blyth's Hornbill, Palm and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Orange-fronted Hanging Parrot, Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot, Dusky Lory, Coconut Lorikeet, Black-capped Lory, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Red-cheeked and Eclectus Parrot, Moluccan King Parrot, Double-eyed and Large Fig Parrot, Papuan and Hooded Pitta, White-eared Catbird, Wallace's and Emperor Fairywren, Ruby-throated Myzomela, Spotted and Tawny-breasted Honeyeater, New Guinea Friarbird, Long-billed, Mimic and Puff-backed Honeyeater, Rusty Mouse-warbler, Pale-billed Scrubwren, Yellow-bellied, Green-backed and Fairy Gerygone, Papuan Babbler, Black Berrypecker, Dwarf, Pygmy and Yellow-bellied Longbill, Blue Jewel-babbler, Painted Quail-thrush, Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Lowland Peltops, Black and Hooded Butcherbird, Boyer's Cuckooshrike, Grey-headed and Black Cicadabird, Black-browed Triller, Grey Whistler, Rusty Pitohui, Little Shrikethrush, Northern Variable Pitohui, Brown Oriole, Spangled Drongo, Northern Fantail, Sooty and White-bellied Thicket Fantail, Rufous-backed Fantail, Spot-winged, Hooded, Rufous, Golden and Frilled Monarch, Shining Flycatcher, Grey Crow, Glossy-mantled and Trumpet Manucode, Magnificent Riflebird, Magnificent and Lesser Bird-of-paradise, Black-sided Robin, Olive Flyrobin, Yellow-faced Myna, and Olive-crowned Flowerpecker.

If you stick with us for the entire day, we shall enjoy a packed lunch on site and continue our quest for some of the more elusive species already mentioned above throughout the afternoon. Finally, an optional nocturnal foray could add Papuan Boobook, Papuan and Marbled Frogmouth, Papuan and Large-tailed Nightjar, and Wallace's Owlet-nightjar.

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