

Sorong lowlands

Birding walk

0.5 or 1 day

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This half or full day's Sorong birding walk covers a heterogeneous mix of secondary lowland forests that support a well-diversified and colorful lowland forest avifauna including the restricted-range Red-billed Brushturkey, Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher and Black Lory, plus seven species of bird-of-paradise: Glossy-mantled and Trumpet Manucode, Magnificent Riflebird, and Magnificent, King, Twelve-wired 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 secondary alluvial lowland forest. Soon after the crack of dawn here, we hope to witness the display of the adult male Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise. Having truly absorbed this, we shall bird the wider vicinity in search of a fine selection of other species that occur here such as Red-billed Brushturkey, Pacific Baza, Long-tailed Honey Buzzard, Variable Goshawk, Red-necked Crake, Pink-spotted, Beautiful, Claret-breasted and Orange-bellied Fruit Dove, Pinon's and Zoe's Imperial Pigeon, Greater Black Coucal, Dwarf Koel, Long-billed, White-crowned and Brush Cuckoo, Moustached Treeswift, Papuan Spine-tailed Swift, Hook-billed Kingfisher, Common and Red-breasted Paradise Kingfisher, Rufous-bellied Kookaburra, Yellow-billed Kingfisher, Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher, Blyth's Hornbill, Palm and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Coconut Lorikeet, Black-capped Lory, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Red-cheeked and Eclectus Parrot, Papuan and Hooded Pitta, Emperor Fairywren, Streak-headed and Tawny-breasted Honeyeater, New Guinea Friarbird, Long-billed, Mimic and Yellow-gaped Honeyeater, Rusty Mouse-warbler, Yellow-bellied and Fairy Gerygone, Papuan Babbler, Yellow-bellied Longbill, Lowland Peltops, Black and Hooded Butcherbird, Boyer's Cuckooshrike, Grey-headed and Black Cicadabird, Golden Cuckooshrike, Black-browed Triller, Grey Whistler, Rusty Pitohui, Little Shrikethrush, Brown Oriole, Spangled Drongo, Northern Fantail, Sooty and White-bellied Thicket Fantail, Spot-winged, Golden and Frilled Monarch, Shining Flycatcher, Glossy-mantled and Trumpet Manucode, Magnificent and King Bird-of-paradise, Black-sided Robin, Metallic Starling, Yellow-faced Myna, and Olive-crowned Flowerpecker. Heading back toward Sorong, a stop in an area of mangroves and open swamp forest may produce Spotted and Wandering Whistling Duck, Orange-fronted Fruit Dove, Collared Imperial Pigeon, Lesser Black Coucal, Little Bronze Cuckoo, Orange-breasted Fig Parrot, Brown-backed and Varied Honeyeater, Large-billed Gerygone, White-bellied Cuckooshrike, and Willie Wagtail.

If you stick with us for the entire day, we shall enjoy a packed lunch on site and drive out for 30 minutes along a road winding into the surrounding foothills. Here we shall bird all afternoon through selectively logged rainforest along the road, in search of some of the more elusive species already mentioned above. Additional goodies here include New Guinea, Pygmy and Gurney's Eagle, Grey-headed Goshawk, Sultan's and Great Cuckoo-Dove, Wompoo, Superb and Dwarf Fruit Dove, Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon, Pesquet's Parrot, Orange-fronted Hanging Parrot, Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot, Dusky Lory, Moluccan King Parrot, Double-eyed and Large Fig Parrot, White-eared Catbird, Wallace's Fairywren, Ruby-throated Myzomela, Green-backed, Plain, Spotted and Puff-backed Honeyeater, Pale-billed Scrubwren, Green-backed Gerygone, Black Berrypecker, Dwarf and Pygmy Longbill, Yellow-breasted Boatbill, Southern Variable Pitohui, Grey Crow, Magnificent Riflebird, Lesser Bird-of-paradise, Olive Flyrobin, Golden Myna, and Streak-headed Munia. Dusk shall see us gathered at an open vantage point to witness evening flights of hornbills and especially parrots, which often include the restricted-range Black Lory. Finally, an optional nocturnal foray here could produce Papuan Boobook, Papuan Frogmouth, and Papuan and Large-tailed Nightjar.

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