



Sunset, Waigeo.

## **West Papua (Raja Ampat Islands and Sorong) & Halmahera 24<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

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### Introduction

To celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Claire's wanted to do go somewhere hot and do some snorkelling. Most normal husbands, faced with that set of requirements, would book a trip to the Red Sea. However they're not birders and I decided a trip to the Raja Ampat Islands off the end of West Papua fitted those requirements far better as they are known to be one of the best snorkelling sites in the world. It also had the added advantage of one of the best birds in the world – Wilson's Bird of Paradise.

Access to the Raja Ampat Islands is via Sorong which is at the western tip of West Papua. Whilst researching birding options around Sorong I came across a new eco-project being developed in the forested Klasow valley, about 1 hour from Sorong. Visitors stay in the village and experience village life but also offered excellent birding opportunities. I booked two nights there and then to finish off our three week trip I booked 8 nights at the Weda Reef and Rainforest Resort on Halmahera, where there was snorkelling, kayaking (another of my wife's interests) and the odd endemic or two!

As with most of our trips this one was organised independently using local guides where necessary. This allows flexibility in our trips as my wife is birding tolerant and happy to rough it when needed however I do have to find a balance between birding and other activities of

interest to maintain marital bliss. I also prefer birding independently and finding my own birds and accept that occasionally I may miss a few things (normally Owls!) and it is far cheaper!

### Costs:

This was an expensive trip as the combined costs all the flights with Garuda were £1150 each and 8 nights at Weda with snorkelling trips on dive boats was over £1000 each. Despite that the whole trip came in under £3000 each, which is significantly cheaper than a similar tour would cost.

### Books, sounds etc.

Raja Ampat and Sorong are covered by Birds of New Guinea (Pratt & Beehler) however at the time of visiting the only book covering Halmahera was the Birds of Wallacea (Coates & Bishop) which went out of print a long time ago. Thankfully I managed to get a copy of the plates and used HBW to fill in the gaps.

Subsequent to our trip the excellent *Birds of the Indonesian Archipelago* (James Eaton et al) has been published which will make life a lot easier.

I downloaded all necessary sounds from [Xeno-canto](#) but I also use my own recording equipment (Olympus LS10 and Sennheiser ME66 mic) and all my recordings for the trip are uploaded on [xeno-canto](#).

There are a number of trip reports on [Cloudbirders](#) and the following I found particularly useful:

[West Papua Oct-Nov 2015 – Gareth Knass](#)

[Birding West Papua, July 2014 – Andy Mears](#)

[Waigeo Island, March-April 2007 – Charles Davies](#)

[Halmahera-Lore Lindu Trip – September 2013](#)

[Wallacea 2014 – Gareth Knass](#)

Subsequent to my visit the following trip reports have been published.

[West Papua – June-August 2018 – Rob Gordijn](#)

[West Papua: Mupi Gunung, Numfor and Malagufuk, Sept-Nov 2017 - Marc Thibault](#)

### Weather:

On the Raja Ampat Islands the weather was hot during the day and warm at night with occasional heavy showers during the day. Similar temperatures were experienced in the Klasow Valley but we had heavy rain from late afternoon and well into the night every day. Again Halmahera was similar being hot and mainly dry apart from the odd heavy shower.

## Itinerary:

Sat	24-Sep	Dep. Heathrow 21:10 for Jakarta
Sun	25-Sep	Arr. Jakarta 17:00; Dep. Jakarta 21:00 for Makassar. Arr. 00:30. Dep Makassar 03:15
Mon	26-Sep	Arr. Sorong 06:30. 09:00 Ferry to Waisai on Waigeo and slept! Night Yenkangkanes Homestay.
Tue	27-Sep	Birded main track in the morning. Snorkelling and late afternoon walk along main track. Night Yenkangkanes Homestay.
Wed	28-Sep	4am start for Wilson's BoP. Finished around 10:30am. Snorkelling, evening walk. Night Yenkangkanes Homestay.
Thu	29-Sep	Birded main track in the morning. Snorkelling then transfer to Gam. Night Yenros Homestay.
Fri	30-Sep	Snorkelling. Night Yenros Homestay
Sat	01-Oct	Snorkelling. Night Yenros Homestay
Sun	02-Oct	Transfer to Waisai and 2pm Ferry to Sorong. Transfer to Trail head for Klasow Valley. Night Magalafuk.
Mon	03-Oct	4am start for Lesser BoP and birding rest of morning. PM torrential rain. Night Magalafuk
Tue	04-Oct	Birding Klasow Valley. Afternoon returned to road for pickup. Night Je Meridien Hotel Sorong
Wed	05-Oct	Dep. Sorong 13:50 - Manado. Night Luley Hotel
Thu	06-Oct	Dep. Mando 11:15. Arr. Ternate 13:15. Transfer to Weda. Night Weda Resort
Fri	07-Oct	5am Start with guide for Wallace's Standardwing. Afternoon old logging road. Night Weda Resort.
Sat	08-Oct	Early morning birding along road. Kayak trip. Afternoon birding road. Night Weda Resort.
Sun	09-Oct	Early morning birding along road. Snorkelling trip. Late afternoon birding. Night Weda Resort.
Mon	10-Oct	Early morning birding to old logging road. Kayak trip. Late afternoon birding. Night Weda Resort.
Tue	11-Oct	Birding with Guide to Nickel Mine Concession Road. Afternoon Weda Forest Reserve. Night Weda Resort.
Wed	12-Oct	All morning Birding along old logging road. Late afternoon Birding. Night Weda Resort.
Thu	13-Oct	All day Snorkelling trip in dive boat. Night Weda Resort.
Fri	14-Oct	Early departure to Ternate. Fly 14:40 Ternate to Manado. Fly Mandao to Jakarta. Overnight Orchardz Hotel.
Sat	15-Oct	Dep. Jakarta 07:45. Arr. Heathrow 18:55

## Waigeo – Rajat Ampat Islands

There are a number of island endemics on Waigeo but none come better than Wilson's Bird of Paradise. It also has to be one of the best places for 'off the beach' snorkelling you can

find. There are varying levels of accommodation from expensive dive resorts to village homestays. There is a fantastic website called [Stay Raja Ampat](#) which allows you to book homestays in advance and they ensure a minimum standard of accommodation and food is provided for tourists. We booked three nights at two locations, one on Waigeo where most birders stay and is near to the main birding sites and a second on Gam, which is across the water where the main focus was snorkelling.



Raja Ampat Islands

### How to get there.

There is an airport on Waigeo but at the time of our visit there were no commercial flights. However there are two ferry crossing a day on a fast ferry which only takes a few hours and there are always seabirds from the crossing. There are ferries both morning and afternoon but if you arrive late there is the Je Meridian Hotel almost opposite the airport which was very good. Ensure that you have enough cash for you stay before you leave Sorong. There is an ATM at Waisai but we heard that it was often empty. Latest details about ferry times can be found on the [Stay Raja Ampat](#) website.

You have to pay a IDR 1,000,000 [Marine Park entry permit](#) fee to visit the island which lasts for a year. This can be paid upon arrival at the Office by the quay on Waisai or at the Office in Sorong.

When booking your accommodation you can opt for a pick-up at the Quay. If travelling to Yenkangkanes Homestay there are plenty of taxis and motorbikes waiting for customers which will be cheaper than the pre-arranged pick-up price. It is only 15 minutes from the quay to in the village of Saprokren. If travelling off island then a water-taxi is required which is expensive (IDR 1,000,000)

## Accommodation



**Yenkangkanes Homestay:** IDR 350,000 per night/person, including three meals a day. The accommodation is basic but comfortable. It consists of a mattress on the ground and a good quality mosquito net. We opted for the cabin over the water, which was idyllic. We had several pods of dolphins fishing just off the reef and reef fish and congar eels below us. The food was very good with lots of fresh fish and breakfast was pancakes and eggs. There was a constant supply of boiled water.

Our days consisted of early morning birding, breakfast around 10am, then snorkelling, lunch, siesta, snorkelling, late afternoon birding, dinner then sleep. I didn't do much owling as there were no ticks (except Barking Owl which is rarer than hen's teeth by the coast).

The snorkelling was very good especially to the left of the cabins along the drop.



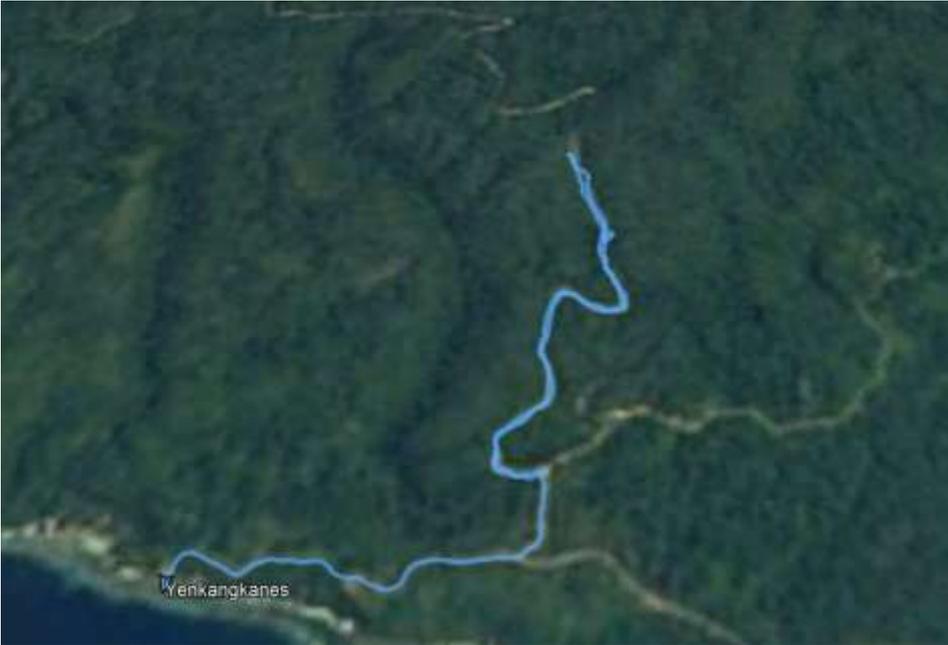
**Yenros Homestay:** IDR 350,000 per night/person, including three meals a day and as much snorkelling as you can do. The food was also excellent and the family were really nice and nothing was too much bother. There was no access to forest and birding was limited to a regular Beach Kingfisher and a flyby Spice Imperial Pigeon. The reef however was better than Yenkangkanes' and it was exclusive to the guests. We were the

first guests for a month and had the place to ourselves.

On our last morning the owner Melki took us to Waisai to catch the 2pm ferry. The boat is open so if it looks like rain ensure all your equipment is protected. There is a tarpaulin for your luggage.



## Birding:



Birding track near Yenangkanes Homestay

The main bird has to be Wilson's Bird of Paradise but there are also a number of other endemics on the islands; Red Bird of Paradise, Raja Ampat Pitohui and Bruijin's Bush Turkey.



Yenkangkanes Homestay is at the edge of Saprokren village nearest the old logging road that heads into the interior. The forest here is very good and held most species. The quality of the forest improves as you head inland up the logging road. However spending time along the coast road was also productive. There was a regular calling Hook-billed Kingfisher close to the old logging road turn-off which refused to show itself.

Blyth's Hornbill

All the forest is privately owned and permission should be sought to enter it, however most birds are easily seen along the road. We stayed three nights which gave me three mornings and a few evenings to go birding.

The other option is to go through a ground agent and who can organise camping in a river valley between the two main parts of Waigeo, which could increase your chances of Western Crowned Pigeon and possibly Bruijin's Brush Turkey.

## Birds:



**Wilson's Bird of Paradise:** Watching a male displaying at its lek pushed this bird into my top 5 birds ever, an absolute cracker. If staying in the village of Saporkren ask for [Benny Mambrasar](#) who will come and meet you to arrange your trip to the lek. You leave around 4am and it's a two hour walk. You will also see **Red Bird of Paradise** at their lek but these are also easy from the old logging road. As with most of PNG and West Papua all forest is owned by someone so do not access it without permission. For both the leks it is

about IDR300,000 which is less than £20 each.

**Raja Ampat Pitohui:** Several very vocal birds were seen on both days from the main track.

**Brown-headed Crow:** These are mainly seen from the old logging road as Torresian Crows occupy the coastal areas. I saw one flying over the forest calling, near the Red BoP lek.

**Bruijn's Brush Turkey:** This bird is now gettable however it is not easy. They nest high up in the hills but do wander lower down and have been seen at lower levels in the past. Further details can be found in a trip report by [Charles Davies](#) on Surbirds.

**Western Crowned Pigeon:** Benny has a few sites for these and they can be seen further along the road but a vehicle is needed. There is also a site accessible by boat. However they are still hunted and are not guaranteed.

**Spice Imperial Pigeon:** These occupy the small islands around Waigeo and Gam and a boat can be arranged to visit the islands. One was seen late afternoon flying past close into Yenros Homestay on Gam.

### Birds seen around Yenkangkanes and the old logging road.

Raja Shelduck	1
Dusky Megapode	Several along logging road
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Ferry
Lesser Frigatebird	Ferry
Eastern Osprey	2
Long-tailed Honey Buzzard	3
Grey-headed Goshawk	1
Collared Sparrowhawk	1
Brahminy Kite	10
White-bellied Sea Eagle	4
Red-necked Phalarope	10
Common Sandpiper	4
Greater Crested Tern	Common
Lesser Crested Tern	Common
Bridled Tern	4
Common Tern	Common
Amboyna Cuckoo-dove	1

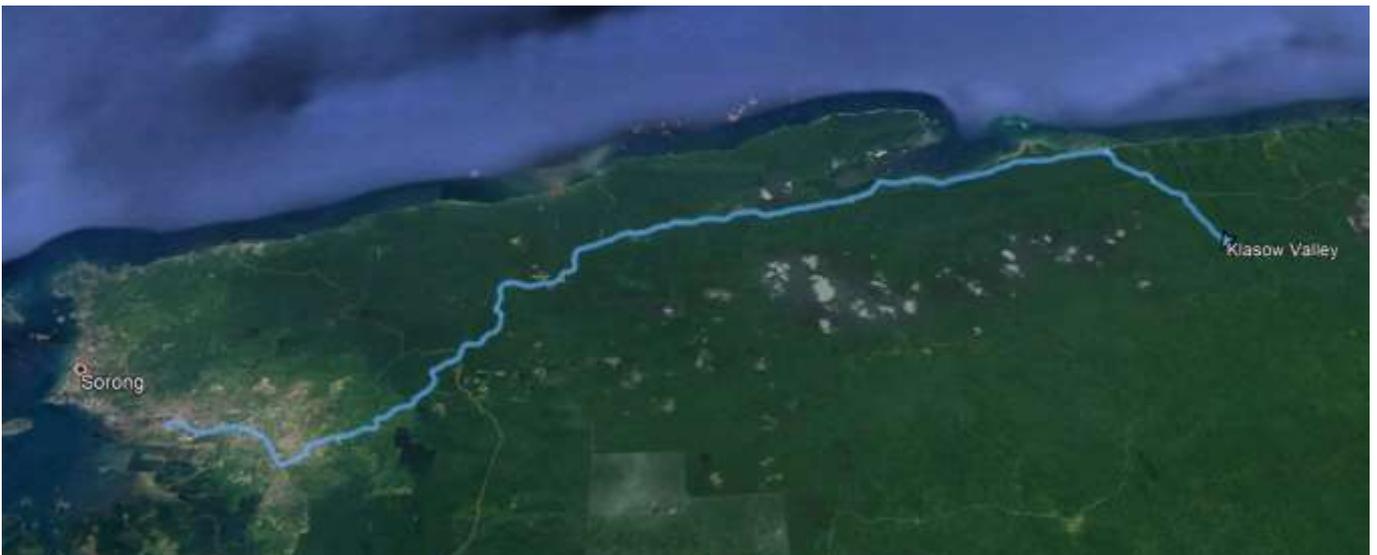
Stephan's Emerald Dove	Around village
Beautiful Fruit Dove	3
Claret-breasted Fruit Dove	Around Vilalge
Spice Imperial Pigeon	One flew past close in to Yenros Homestay
Pinon's Imperial Pigeon	6
Pied Imperial Pigeon	3
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1
Papuan Boobook	1
Marbled Frogmouth	Heard Yenros homestay
Papuan Frogmouth	Pair nesting in adjacent garden to Yenkangkanes.
Large-tailed Nightjar	1
Moustached Treeswift	3
Glossy Swiftlet	20
Oriental Dollarbird	4
Hook-billed Kingfisher	Heard
Common Paradise Kingfisher	Heard
Beach Kingfisher	One at yenros Homestay
Sacred Kingfisher	2
Blyth's Hornbill	Common
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Common
Eclectus Parrot	Very Comon
Red-cheeked Parrot	2
Coconut Lorikeet	1
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	6
Papuan Pitta	Heard
Green-backed Honeyeater	1
Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	1
New Guinea Friarbird	Common
Mimic Honeyeater	Seen daily
Yellow-bellied Longbill	1
White-breasted Woodswallow	2
Black Butcherbird	1
Hooded Butcherbird	Seen daily
Rusty Pitohui	A few seen with the Raja Ampat Pitohui
Raja Ampat Pitohui	Seen each day along old logging road where the path levels out.
Spangled Drongo	Common
Willie Wagtail	Common
Northern Fantail	2
Frilled Monarch	3
Shining Flycatcher	2
Brown-headed Crow	1
Torresian Crow	4
Glossy-mantled Manucode	Common
Wilson's Bird-of-paradise	1 male at lek site
Red Bird-of-paradise	Seen at lek site but also daily along track
Pacific Swallow	8
Yellow-faced Myna	6

## Klasow Valley



Entrance track

Sorong is the very western end of West Papua and has several flights to other Indonesian Cities. We stayed at the [Je Meridian Hotel](#) opposite the airport (£35 per night).



Klasow Valley

When organising the trip I wanted to do a day's birding around Sorong. However whilst researching the options I found reference to a new eco-project in the Klasow Valley about an hour drive from Sorong. I contacted Charles Roring ([peace4wp\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:peace4wp@gmail.com)) who works for an NGO trying to promote conservation initiatives in West Papua. He was reasonably confident that we could see Tree Kangaroos and several species of Birds of Paradise and Western Crowned Pigeon. Very few people had ever visited this site which appealed to us so we arranged a two night stay.



Charles met the ferry from Waigeo and we deposited our main luggage at the Meridian Hotel and arrived at the beginning of the entrance trail at dusk, just as the heavens opened and torrential rain started. It is about a 2 hours walk to the village of Magalafuk and any chances of seeing the tree Kangaroos (best found at night) was rained off.

The accommodation was a wooden hut with a raised bed and mosquito net. There was a toilet and dip mandi for washing in a nearby hut, however as the roof had collapsed it was also possible to have a shower, if it rained!

### Birding:

According to Charles the forest has rarely been hunted and only recently occupied by the villagers.

The Magalafuk village was in a large clearing and there were a number of trails leading off the clearing. We had a village guide to take us around and we were also accompanied by Charles who is still teaching them how to be a tourist guide.



Lesser Bird of Paradise

The first morning we visited the Lesser Bird of Paradise lek for dawn and then slowly birded our way back along the river to the village. In the afternoon we started birding a trail to the north of the village which met a small stream, this area was supposed to be good for Western Crowned Pigeon. However mid-afternoon the heavens opened again and it rained torrentially into the night.



Northern Cassowary chick

The second morning we spent in the clearing around the village looking for Black Lory and then birded a few forest trails. After lunch we walked back to the road and returned to the Hotel at Sorong.

### **Birds:**

Northern Cassowary	Several heard and one female seen crossing the entrance trail ahead of us. One of the village boys also had a pet cassowary chick.
Red-billed Brushturkey	Several heard but not seen.
Variable Goshawk	1
Brahminy Kite	1
Common Sandpiper	One along Klasow River
Wompoo Fruit Dove	1
Beautiful Fruit Dove	One seen both days

Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon	Heard
Channel-billed Cuckoo	1
Moustached Treeswift	Common
Glossy Swiftlet	Several seen in the clearing.
Papuan Spine-tailed Swift	Several seen in the clearing.
Oriental Dollarbird	1
Hook-billed Kingfisher	Heard
Forest Kingfisher	One around the clearing.
Yellow-billed Kingfisher	2
Papuan Dwarf Kingfisher	One along the Klasow River
Blyth's Hornbill	Common
Palm Cockatoo	1
Yellow-capped Pygmy Parrot	1
Eclactus Parrot	Heard
Red-cheeked Parrot	seen both days
Black Lory	4
Large Fig Parrot	several seen both days
Double-eyed Fig Parrot	2
Papuan Pitta	Heard
Hooded Pitta	2
New Guinea Friarbird	common
Papuan Babbler	common
Yellow-bellied Longbill	1
Yellow-breasted Boatbill	1
Lowland Peltops	1
Black Butcherbird	1
Boyer's Cuckooshrike	1
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	3
Rusty Pitohui	4
Little Shrikethrush	2
Northern Variable Pitohui	several seen both days
Brown Oriole	3
Spangled Drongo	Seen both days
Northern Fantail	Seen both days
Frilled Monarch	2
Shining Flycatcher	1
Grey Crow	3
Glossy-mantled Manucode	Heard
Magnificent Riflebird	2
King Bird-of-paradise	Male along Klasow River
Twelve-wired Bird-of-paradise	female along Klasow River
Lesser Bird-of-paradise	8 birds at the lek
Pacific Swallow	common
Metallic Starling	common
Yellow-faced Myna	4
Golden Myna	Common

## Halmahera



Ivory-breasted Pitta

To get from Sorong to Halmahera we had to fly to Manado on Sulawesi and stay overnight before flying to Ternate on Halmahera the following day. At Manado we treated ourselves to a night at the [Grand Luley Hotel](#). It was very comfortable if not a bit surreal compared to our last 10 days on West Papua.

The following day we flew to Ternate and were met at the airport by a representative of [Weda Reef and Rainforest Resort](#). Even though Weda is not cheap it does offer nearly all the endemics and options for snorkelling, diving and kayaking. We stayed 8 nights to ensure that there was enough time for birding and to go snorkelling.

Weda is incredibly comfortable and the food amazing. The owner Rob is very helpful and flexible and can sort out all your arrangements. From October to March it is mainly occupied by divers and will often be full, however from April to October the diving is not so good so he concentrates more on the birding market.

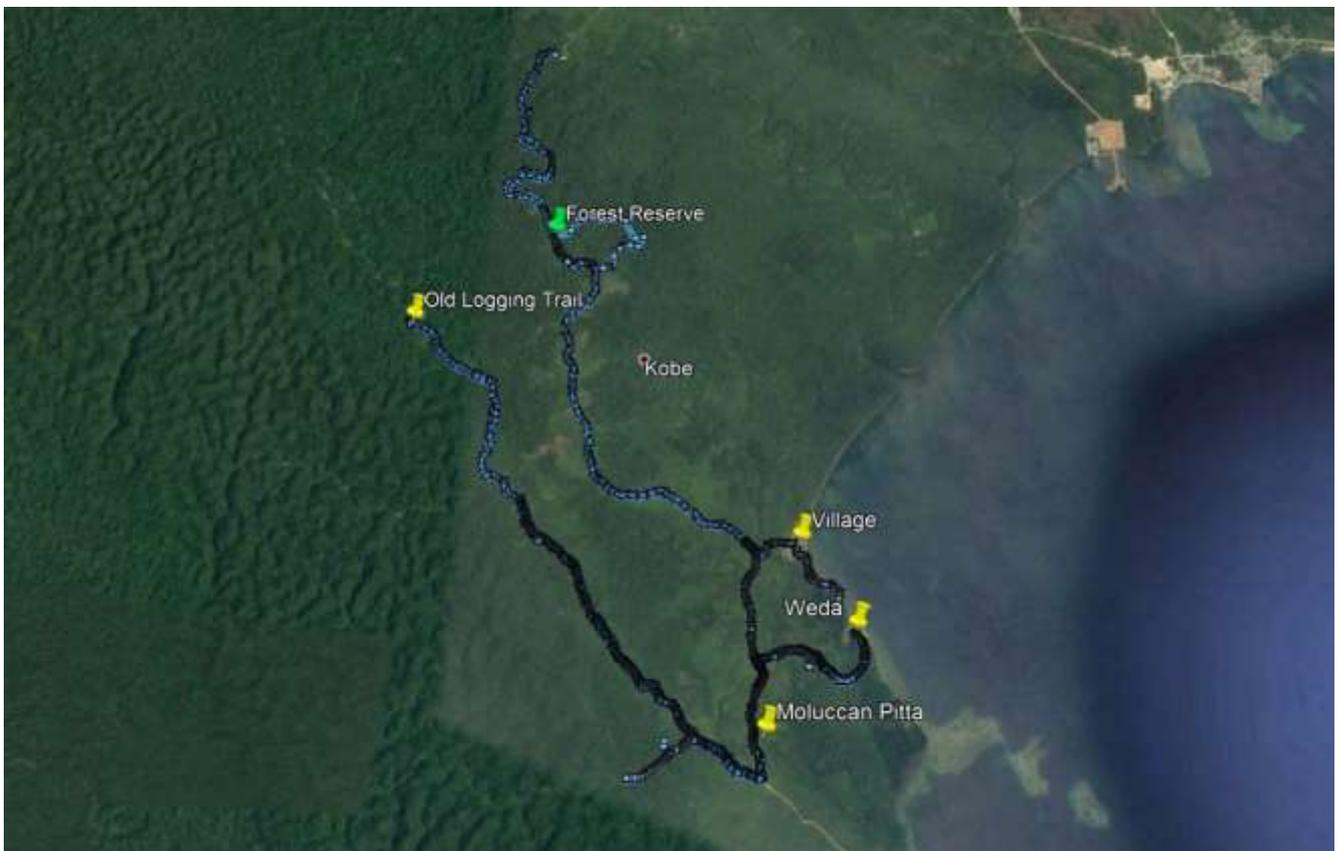




We went out snorkelling on a dive boat several times and also kayaked a couple of times, including being dropped off in a mangrove 8km south of the resort and paddling back. On one snorkelling trip we saw a large pod of Bottle-nosed Dolphins and Pilot Whales. We got ahead of them and dropped into the water and saw three Pilot Whales pass underneath us, which was a fantastic experience. The snorkelling and diving is exceptional there, the water is crystal clear and the numbers of fish are astounding.

### Birding:

I used Weda's bird guides on two days I was there. The first day we went to the main forest reserve for Wallace's Standardwing. This is about 8km from the resort and in the afternoon we looked for Azure Dollarbird up the old logging road which was about 7km from the resort. The second time we used a guide was to get to the Nickel Mine Road for the highland species, which is several hours drive to the north east. The afternoon was spent on the main forest reserve.



The other mornings and afternoons I went out on my own. I tried two routes, first was north through the Mangrove to the village and then birded along the road. The other route was back out on the entrance track and then south at the road. A notable area was where there is a bridge crossing a river with several large trees and plenty of cover along the river. This is where I saw Moluccan Pitta further up the river from the road. Access was cross the rough ground to the north of the river until you come across a small trail which heads south to a

small stream it was in this area that the Pitta was seen several times. (0°24'56.50"N, 127°53'51.66"E).



Moluccan Pitta



Moluccan Flycatcher

Further along the road heading south there is a track to the right, follow this as it goes downhill to a cleared area along the river valley and a junction. The track heading north east is the old logging track and continues for another 4.5km. From Weda to the end of the route shown on the above map was about 7km (14km return journey). However good birding was had along most of the route. The track along the river to the SE had been recently cleared and there are a number of pools which look good for the Dwarf Kingfisher. Further along there is a small dam that can be crossed to continue along a trail that follows the river for a short way before it gets too overgrown.

It was along the logging track that I saw Invisible Rail, a bird which I had zero expectation of seeing. According to Rob repeated playback of this species causes them to abandon territories and all the guides' previous sites have now been abandoned. So with this in mind I tried to stalk them first by only moving when they were calling. I was working on the principle that they are so loud they wouldn't hear me clumsily crashing through the various tangles. I then remained stationary when they stopped calling. Amazingly it worked and I eventually got close enough to see one, however it soon clocked me and disappeared.

The forest reserve is about 6km to the north but there is far less birding en route and therefore more of a slog so I didn't go back on my own, however Rob seemed quite happy for me to do so.

The Nickel Mine Road is private but Weda has permission to access the road. The highest point is about 1000m and has a number of endemics which either don't occur or are more difficult at lower altitudes. These include Chattering Lory, Dusky Myzomela, Halmahera Cuckooshrike, Rufous (Gilolo) Fantail, Japanese (North Moluccan) Leaf Warbler and Moluccan Cuckoo. Moluccan King Parrot also only occurs there.

I went owling on several nights either at dusk, after dinner or pre-dawn. The Owlet-nightjar and Moluccan Scops Owl were seen several times at the top of the hill from the Resort. Unfortunately the only Halmahera Boobook I heard was called in and headed straight to an area of trees and stubbornly remained out of view the whole time.

## Birds:

**Species underlined and bold** – Endemics to Halmahera

**Species in bold** – Either Moluccan endemics or species considered good candidates for future splits Species by the authors of *Birds of the Indonesian Archipelago (Eaton et al.)*.

### Dusky Megapode

Black Bittern

Seen both in Forest Reserve and the old logging road

One seen from whilst kayaking and also flying across bay from Resort

Striated Heron

2 around the mangroves

Great Egret

3

Australian Pelican

1 on the sea when kayaking

Eastern Osprey

1

Gurney's Eagle

2 immatures over the Forest Reserve and one adult old logging road

Chinese Sparrowhawk

2 road south of Weda

Variable Goshawk

2 road south of Weda

### Moluccan Goshawk

1 immature close to nest site in the forest reserve. 1 adult old logging road.

Brahminy Kite

common

Pale-vented Bush-hen

2 Nickel Mine Road

### Invisible Rail

Pair duetting, old logging road

Pacific Golden Plover

1 on beach

Whimbrel

1 on beach

Common Sandpiper

Common

Greater Crested Tern

Common

Bridled Tern

1 seen from dive boat

Common Tern

Large flocks out to sea.

Spotted Dove

10

Amboyna Cuckoo-dove

Common

Great Cuckoo-dove

2 seen in Forest Reserve

Common Emerald Dove

5

### Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove

1 Forest reserve; 4 Nickel Mine Road

### Blue-capped Fruit Dove

Almost seen daily

### Grey-headed Fruit Dove

Common

### Spectacled (Moluccan) Imperial Pigeon

1 on logging road; 6 Nickel Mine Road

### Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon

1 Forest Reserve; 1 logging road; 2 Nickel Mine Road; 2 returning to Ternate

Pied Imperial Pigeon

Common

### Goliath Coucal

2 road south of Weda; 2 Nickel Mine Road, 1 Forest Reserve

Brush Cuckoo

2 in the mangroves

Oriental Cuckoo

3 in trees by bridge south of Weda.

### Moluccan Scops Owl

1 along entrance road

### Halmahera Boobook

one came to tape on entrance track but not seen

Large-tailed Nightjar

One around Weda Resort on several nights

### Moluccan Owlet-nightjar

a pair at the top of the entrance track

Moustached Treeswift

4 Seen on old logging road

Glossy Swiftlet

Common

### Halmahera Swiftlet

1 Nickel Bay Road

Uniform Swiftlet	Common
Oriental Dollarbird	2 Forest Reserve
<b><u>Azure Dollarbird</u></b>	1 old logging road
Common Paradise Kingfisher	1 Forest Reserve
<b><u>Blue-and-white Kingfisher</u></b>	4 Forest Reserve, 2 road south of Weda, 2 from car returning to Ternate
<b><u>Sombre Kingfisher</u></b>	2 Forest Reserve; 1 road south of Weda
Collared Kingfisher	1 in Mangroves
Beach Kingfisher	1 heard at Weda; 2 seen at regular site when returning to Ternate.
Sacred Kingfisher	2 in mangroves
Common Kingfisher	Several seen on the beach at low tide at Weda.
Blyth's Hornbill	Common
Oriental Hobby	1 Nickel Mine Road
<b><u>White Cockatoo</u></b>	Regular
Moluccan King Parrot	6 Nickel Mine Road
Eclectus Parrot	1-2 seen most days
Red-cheeked Parrot	Common
Great-billed Parrot	1 Forest Reserve
Red-flanked Lorikeet	Common
<b><u>Chattering Lory</u></b>	6 Nickel Mine Road
Violet-necked Lory	Common
<b><u>Moluccan Hanging Parrot</u></b>	2 old logging road; 2 Forest Reserve on both visits.
<b><u>North Moluccan Pitta</u></b>	1 heard at regular site in Forest Reserve; 1 seen by bridge south of Weda. (Status of this split is not clear).
<b><u>Ivory-breasted Pitta</u></b>	1 seen well Forest Reserve; 1 seen flying across logging road.
<b><u>Dusky Myzomela</u></b>	1 Nickel Mine Road
<b><u>White-streaked Friarbird</u></b>	Seen almost daily
White-breasted Woodswallow	1 roadside stop returning to Ternate
White-bellied Cuckooshrike	Seen daily
<b><u>Moluccan Cuckooshrike</u></b>	1 seen in large trees by bridge south of Weda
<b>Common (Moluccan) Cicadabird</b>	2 seen twice old logging road; 2 Nickel Mine Road
<b><u>Halmahera Cuckooshrike</u></b>	2 Nickel Mine Road; 1 roadside stop returning to Ternate
<b><u>Rufous-bellied Triller</u></b>	Seen daily
<b>Black-chinned Whistler</b>	1 Forest Reserve; 1 Nickel Mine Road; 1 old logging road
<b>Spangled (Halmahera) Drongo</b>	Common
Willie Wagtail	Common
<b>Rufous (Gilolo) Fantail</b>	3 Nickel Mine Road (highest point);
<b>(Halmahera) Spectacled Monarch</b>	4 Forest Reserve
<b>Moluccan Monarch</b>	Up to 4 seen along old logging road on most visits
<b>White-naped Monarch</b>	2 old logging road
<b><u>Moluccan Flycatcher</u></b>	1 old logging road, 2 by bridge south of Weda
<b>Shining (Moluccan) Flycatcher</b>	2 along road south of Weda
<b><u>Long-billed Crow</u></b>	2 Forest reserve; 1 along road south of Weda
Torresian Crow	3 Roadside stop returning to Ternate
<b><u>Paradise-crow</u></b>	2 Forest Reserve; 2 road south of Weda; 6 Nickel Mine Road
<b><u>Standardwing</u></b>	10 at Lek in Forest Reserve; 1 Nickel Mine Road

**Northern (Halmahera) Golden Bulbul**

Pacific Swallow

**Japanese (North Moluccan) Leaf Warbler**

Gray's Grasshopper Warbler

**Cream-throated White-eye**

Metallic Starling

Grey-streaked Flycatcher

Blue Rock Thrush

**Halmahera Flowerpecker**

Black Sunbird

Olive-backed Sunbird

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Black-faced Munia

Grey Wagtail

Seen regularly

Common

6 Nickel Mine Road

Heard most days along road and several seen.

seen daily

large flocks seen most days

Seen daily

2 seen kayaking; 1 Forest Reserve

2 old logging Road; 2 Forest Reserve; 2 Nickel Mine Road

Seen daily

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Common

4 Forest Reserve

2 Forest Reserve; 1 Nickel Mine Road

**Notable Dips:**

**Moluccan Megapode**

Nicobar Pigeon

**Moluccan Cuckoo**

Barking Owl

**Variable (Halmahera) Dwarf Kingfisher**

**Drab Whistler**

**Dusky-brown Oriole**

**Moluccan Starling**

The best site is in the north of Halmahera, I didn't bother.

Can be seen in the Forest Reserve

No sign of this species - has been seen on the Nickel Mine Road

The best area is north of the forest reserve but has become very difficult in recent years

Despite staking out several potential sites I failed to see this species.

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Never managed to convince myself I had seen one of these.