

## Oceanic Papua

### Pre-tour extension to Easy Papua birding expedition

**5 days/5 nights**

**From € 1,175**

**Deposit: € 295**

**Single room supplement: € 50**

No less than 12 endemic bird species, including a megapode, two gorgeous paradise-kingfishers and two parrots, plus heaps of morphologically highly distinctive yet virtually 'forgotten' endemic subspecies await us on this pre-tour extension covering the islands of Biak and Numfor in Papua's famed Geelvink or Cenderawasih Bay. So join us as we sound out speciation in these insular taxa, and later still be in the fortunate opportunity to continually add 'new species' to your life list from the comfort of your easy chair...

#### When?

Possible year-round.

#### Scheduled departures

Please enquire for details on our upcoming departures.

#### Physical toughness

Relaxed birding in flat to only slightly undulating terrain.

#### Tour summary

Day 1-2 > Numfor Island.

Day 3-5 > Biak Island.

#### Day-by-day itinerary

**Day 1 > Numfor Island** Dawn arrival at Kota Biak's Frans Kaisepo Airport on overnight's domestic flight from Jakarta and transfer to Numfor Island by chartered c. four hours' speedboat ride. The main focus of our attention here shall of course be the delightful Numfor Paradise-Kingfisher and the distinctive *maforensis*-subspecies of Island Leaf-Warbler, both of which are usually readily located. Other interesting birds we may see here include Black-winged Lory, Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove, Biak Flycatcher and Long-tailed Starling. Dinner and overnight in village residence.

**Day 2 > Numfor Island and Kota Biak** We shall bird all morning on Numfor and transfer to Kota Biak again after lunch. Dinner and a good night's rest in Kota Biak.

**Day 3 > Biak Island** Following a hearty pre-dawn breakfast in our Kota Biak hotel we shall set out on the two hour's drive to our host village in northern Biak. Here we shall have a relaxed morning's birding around a couple of forest clearings where we could be rewarded with sightings of Brush Cuckoo, Little Bronze-Cuckoo, Black-winged Lory, Red-fronted Lorikeet, Red-cheeked and Eclectus Parrot, Moustached Treeswift, Yellow-bibbed and Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove, Spice Imperial-Pigeon, Pacific Baza, Long-tailed Buzzard, Variable Goshawk, Gurney's Eagle, Emperor Fairywren, Dusky Myzomela, Hooded Butcherbird, Slender-billed Cicadabird, Black-browed Triller, Biak and Shining Flycatcher, Metallic and Long-tailed Starling, Biak White-eye, and Red-capped Flowerpecker. After lunch back at our village abode, we shall spend the rest of the day along a creek, where with a good dose of luck, we may still find the world's largest pigeon: the glorious Victoria Crowned-Pigeon. Evening shall see us gathered at a vantage point in anticipation of evening flights of parrots, which may still include a few Black-capped Lory, here of the distinctive yet heavily persecuted *cyanauchen*-subspecies. A nocturnal foray after dinner could produce the rarely seen Biak Scops Owl as well as Papuan Frogmouth and Large-tailed Nightjar. Overnight in village residence.

**Day 4 > Biak Island** First light shall see us birding around the clearings, which often prove to be the best place to come to grips with the shy and secretive Biak Coucal. We shall then spend an entire morning along a trail running through a mixture of secondary growth and tall primary forest. Delightful Biak Paradise-Kingfishers and Hooded Pittas, the latter of the distinctive *rosenbergii*-subspecies here, call everywhere in these forests. But to see the wary Biak Megapode, diminutive Geelvink Pygmy-parrot, and scarce Biak Gerygone and Biak Monarch, we shall need to persevere. After lunch we shall spend the rest of the day along the creek again, where we

further may come across Emerald Dove, Little Shrike-thrush, Northern Fantail, and Golden Monarch, all represented by strikingly distinctive endemic subspecies here. Dinner and overnight in village residence.

**Day 5 > Biak Island** We have a full day to concentrate on finding those species likely to elude us for a while. We could monitor known incubation mounds of the Biak Megapode, bird along the creek for Victoria Crowned-Pigeon, and invariably spend much time scrutinizing mixed insectivore feeding flocks, with lunch somewhere in between. In the evening we shall transfer to Kota Biak for dinner and a good night's rest.

**Day 6 > Kota Biak** Early morning transfer to Frans Kaisepo Airport for the domestic flight to Jayapura and start of the Easy Papua birding expedition.

#### **What the tour fare includes**

The individual tour fare of € 1,175 covers all costs incurred between your arrival at Kota Biak on trip day 1 and touch-down in Jayapura on day 6, insofar in congruence with the tour itinerary detailed above and our published terms and conditions (see Related links).

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