

# The good news and bad news about the rare birds of Papua New Guinea

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The rainforests of Papua New Guinea are home to one of the richest bird populations in the world. But many are threatened by logging and palm oil farming.

Now, a team of researchers led by Edith Cowan University have surveyed the PNG island of New Britain to see how the bird population is faring.

The good news: several bird species, like the Blue-eyed Cockatoo, were found to be doing better than before.

The bad news: the researchers saw only a few New Britain Kingfishers, and some [vulnerable species](#), like the New Britain Bronzewing, Golden Masked-owl and Bismarck Thicketbird, were not seen at all.

Their results, recently published in the journal [Bird Conservation International](#), help to inform the [International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources \(IUCN\) Red List of Threatened Species](#).

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