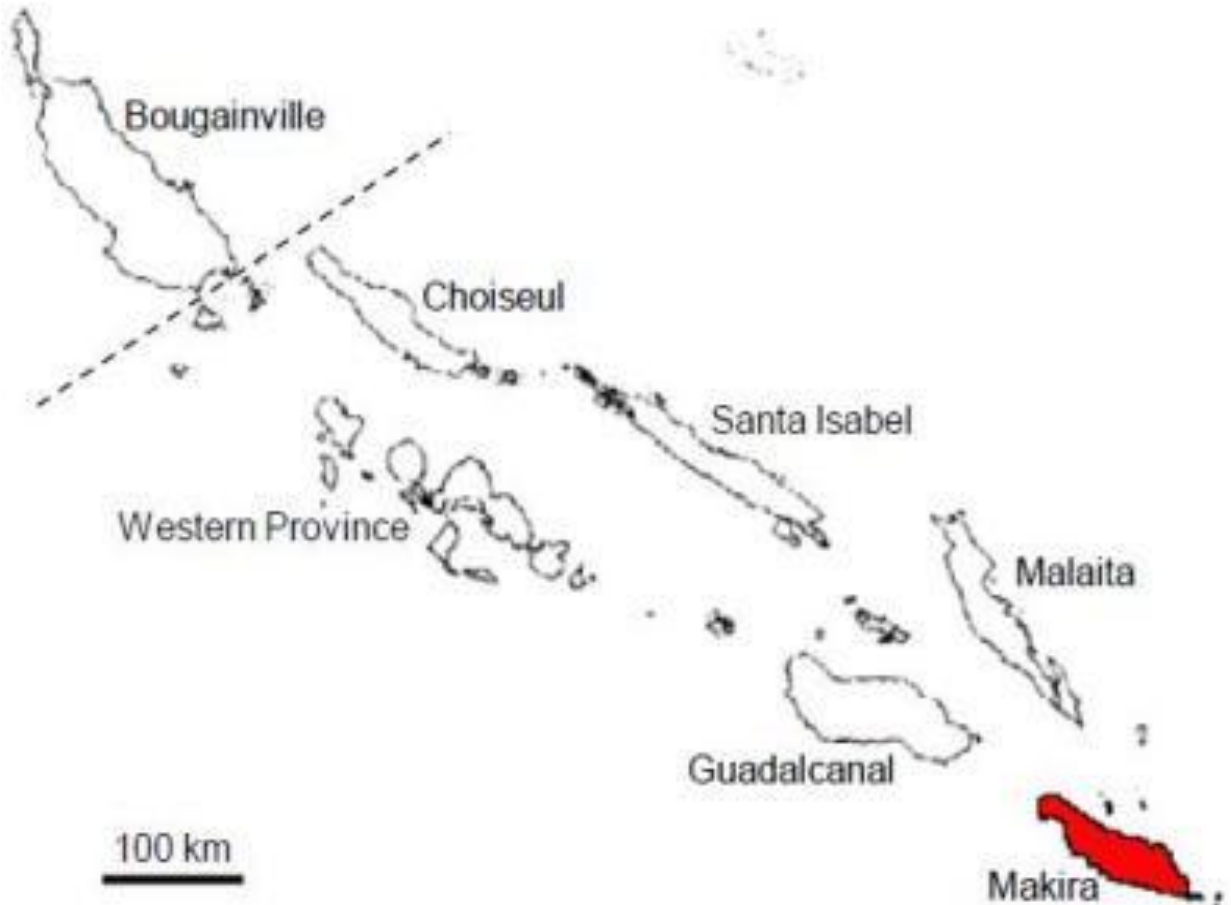


Manu i Makira



Birds of Makira

SOLOMON ISLANDS



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HAGANEGANA

Igia hato ka hagêguria na bemu tanga na ogaha iaka mana apekoroha iaka. Na bemu ki vategia na mârâ koro i rako tehavê manga na we koro, apanige mana na waro, tangagi na ruma hena ngêra mana meresini ni pasika. Ma igia i Makira na enuni ka rako ka arâ. Tahema na bemu ki mareha ge arari. Hagararinga enuni ga rako ka page obanigi na ngêra nikâ na bemu raha ka page hagaerasia tenigia na mu'u. Nikâ na enuni ga rako ka page obanigi na ruma ngekana apanige i rako ka page tapitapi vato. Ngekana na bemu ki hato ki arâ mana marâ ga mauri ga gâga i raronâ ka hato ka arâ nikâ. Na mârâ na enuni ka totora hagarangi igê na matena hato i ngêkê ka arâ hagatê maka hu tarahugi. Ngekana na bemu ki urisi maki vato maki mareha ge koro. Na bemu i mareha ge koro ki bara ma ge oga ke vategia na marâ koro igia ka obanigi tangagi na ôgaha iaka igê na arani tangiana.

Tanga na bemu ke oga ki vategia na ve koro mana a panige, mana varo tanga gina ruma he na ngêra mana meresini ni pasika. Igia ka bâbâsurigi bâkoro ma na arani marâ nge gê. Marupera bâkoro na arani nahuni nga ni bemu ki na girarana (conservation). I Solomone hagenani henia i Makira nikâ ki tuguhigia viga bâbâsurigi na arani marâ hato i bemu. Mareha suria ma vi na enoni ka tako togo tanga gina marâ ni bemu re na ngauha mana marâga gâga mamaru igê, ma suria i Makira ka na hinua iata na arani marâ ni bemu henira na manu. Arani marâ hato nge gê mana manu nikâ ki mareha vi gu page tarahura i tana maveta, tahe ma i katoa i Makira mai Solomone hagenani ki koro getêa. Na arani marâ ni bemu nge gê kasugia ma vige pagehatohato noga, manga na hinua iata ka urisigi se ga aharaga panigi suria na logging vari kierasi se na tauhata na enuni ki erasira.

I na Solomone hagenani ki nahunia na tangahuru gevaru matara kirima na manu (85) mana manu ga goga i Makira ma ka ararina tangahuru gitage matara georu na manu (13). Na girarani na marâ nge gê ki tugu higia viga bâbâkoro surira na arani marâ ni bemu henira na manu ko hanana ga gâga heheurisige ma, manga ga hato i Makira, vikana kapage hato ngavê tenia na maveta.

Na buka ikê ki nahunigi na arani marâ na emoni kabani giraragi, renira na manu mana arani marâ ni bemu, na hinua ita mana mare koro iata i Makira maki manga ihe i gia ka page bâbâsurira bâ koro kohana ga tahitahi tare tanga gia.



INTRODUCTION

We all directly depend on the environment for our livelihoods and health. The environment provides us with many benefits such as clean water, building materials, food and medicines. But the population on Makira is increasing. This means more pressure on the environment. For example, more people will need food so more bush will need to be cleared for gardens. Also, more people will need houses so more trees will be cut down. This leads to the bush slowly disappearing and the animals that live in the bush disappearing too. Resources used to be close to villages, but now people have to walk further to find them. This is an indication that the environment is changing and is becoming degraded or unhealthy. An unhealthy environment is unable to continue to provide the same level of resources that we need to maintain our way of life.


For the environment to continue to be able to provide clean water, building materials, food and medicines, we must look after it and use resources wisely. Protecting the environment and resources is known as *conservation*. The Solomon Islands, and especially Makira, are important areas that need to be conserved, not only because many people depend on their environment for food and shelter, but also because Makira is home to many different types of animals and birds. Many of these animals and birds are found nowhere else in the world and this makes Makira and the Solomon Islands special. An animal that is only found in a certain area, such as an island, is known as *endemic*. Endemic animals can easily become endangered or extinct if their habitat (where they live) changes or is removed, such as by logging or loss of the habitat due to human actions.

The Solomon Islands contains 85 endemic birds, while Makira is home to 13 endemic birds. This means that it is important to protect the environment to ensure these birds can continue to live here as if they are finished on Makira, they will be finished from the world.

This book contains the common and endemic birds from Makira and we hope you find it useful to learn more about these birds and why Makira is an important place for conservation!



HOW TO USE THIS BOOK



Wehirihiri ← Kahuan name

Rufous fantail ← English name







Rhipidura rufifrons russata ← Latin (science name)







15cm ← Size if bird

Endemic subspecies ← Endemic

© ← Abundance

Abundance	
Common	C
Fairly Common	FC
Uncommon	UC
Rare	R
Presumed Extinct	Ex

Habitat: hinua iata na manu/where a bird lives	
Wapuna Forest	
A'aru Secondary Forest	
Mu'u Garden	
Pariki na ni Coconut	
Akere na si Coast	
Iasi Sea	

Diet: ngauha iata na manu ga ngêngê/ what a bird eats	
Marâ siste ga gagaha maka angoango Insects	
Mahe Nectar	
Gani nâ panige Fruit	
Apanige Plants	
Siare Fish	
Ganiana Meat	

*= the photograph was take on location other than Makira and the bird shown may differ slightly



Kêra

Lesser Frigatebird

Fregata ariel

76cm

C



Ganave

Great Crested Tern

Thalasseus bergii

46cm

C



Manu ni waiê

Black Noddy

Anous minutes

34cm

C





Manu ni waiê

Brown Noddy

Anous stolidus

42cm

C



Kangara

Pacific Black Duck

Anas superciliosa

53cm

FC



Botabotagou

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

43cm

C





Marumarusuhê

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

20cm

C



Gaohe

Pacific Reef Heron

Egretta sacra

64cm

C



Koamena

Straited Heron

Butorides striata solomonensis

45cm

FC





Ko

Nankeen Night Heron

Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis

58cm

FC



Wakio

Eastern Osprey

Pandion cristatus

57cm

C



Wakio

Eastern Osprey

Pandion cristatus

57cm

FC





Ahetaronga

Solomons Sea Eagle

Haliaeetus sanfordi

73cm

Endemic to SI

UC



Hitu

Pacific Baza

Aviceda subcristata bismarckii

39cm

FC



Tehewaro

Pied Goshawk

Accipiter albogularis albogularis

36cm

Endemic subspecies

FC





Giora

Eastern Barn Owl

Tyto javanica delicatula

33cm

UC



Illustration taken from Birds of Melanesia

Kohigo/Koenuni

Makira Boobook

Ninox roseoaxillaris

21cm

Endemic

R



Auwê

Melanesian Megapode

Megapodius eremite

34cm

Endemic to Melanesia

FC





Korakora/Parisu

Pale-vented bush-hen

Amaurornis moluccana ultima

26cm

FC



Parisu

Buff-banded rail

Gallirallus philippensis christophori

28cm

FC



Barare

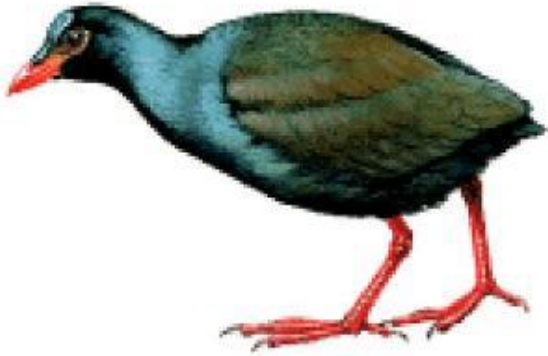
Purple Swamphen

Porphyrio porphyrio

41cm

C





Kia

Makira Woodhen

Gallinula silvestris

26cm

Endemic

Ex



Wâbo

Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove

Macropygia m. mackinlayi

32cm

Endemic to Melanesia

C



Bêharo

Crested Cuckoo-Dove

Reinwardtoena crassirostris

42cm

Endemic to Solomon Islands

UC





Rimogo

Stephan's Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps stephani mortoni

23cm

C



Apungaki

Bronze Ground Dove

Gallicolumba beccarii solomonensis

19cm

FC



Hungani

Yellow-bibbed Fruit Dove

Ptilinopus s. solomonensis

21cm

C





Puhui/Pugui

White-headed Fruit Dove

Ptilinopus eugeniae

20cm

Endemic

FC



Barisumata

Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon

Ducula r. rufigula

41cm

C



Ahuahu

Island Imperial Pigeon

Ducula p. pistrinaria

43cm

FC





Agâ

Chestnut-bellied Imperial Pigeon

Ducula brenchleyi

38cm

Endemic to SI

FC



Gine

Song Parrot

Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus

24cm

Endemic to Melanesia

UC



Hasihasiawa/Pasipasiawa

Finsch's Pygmy Parrot

Micropsitta f. finschii

9cm

Endemic subspecies to Makira and Rennell

UC





Sivi ny toro

Cardinal Lory

Chalcopsitta cardinalis

31cm

Endemic to Melanesia

FC



Sivi mora

Yellow-bibbed Lory

Lorius chlorocercus

28cm

Endemic to east SI

C



Gigi

Coconut Lorikeet

Trichoglossus haematodus massena

27cm

C





Sivi

Duchess Lorikeet

Charmosyna margarethae

20cm

Endemic to Solomon Islands

R



Agara

Eckettus Parrot

Exlectus roratus solomonensis

31cm

FC



Kiokio

Beach Kingfisher

Todiramphus s. saurophagus

30cm

FC





Êsusuge

Common Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis salomonsis

16cm

UC



Êsusuge

Variable Dwarf Kingfisher

Ceyx lepidus gentianus

14cm

Endemic subspecies

FC



Sigo

Collared Kingfisher

Todiramphus chloris solomonis

23cm

Endemic subspecies

C





Gapagapa

Glossy Swiftlet

Collocalia esculenta makirensis

9cm

Endemic subspecies

C



Gapagapa

White-rumped Swiftlet

Aerodramus spodiopygius reichenowi

10cm

FC



Gapagapa

Uniform Swiftlet

Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris

13cm

C





Gapagapêsu

Pacific Swallow

Hirundo tahitica subfusca

13cm

FC



Wemeomeo

Cardinal Myzomela

Myzomela cardinalis pulcherrima

12cm

FC



Wemeomeo

Sooty Myzomela

Myzomela tristrami

12cm

Endemic

C





Wemisimisi

Mottled Flowerpecker

Dicæum tristræmi

9cm

Endemic

©



Shade Bush Warbler

Cettia parens

12cm

Endemic



> 500m



Grey- throated White-eye

Zosterops ugiensis ugiensis

12cm

Endemic subspecies





Island Leaf warbler

Phylloscopus poliocephalus makirensis

10cm

Endemic subspecies



Ririgape

Willie Wagtail

Rhipidura leucophrys

20cm



Wehirihiri

Rufous fantail

Rhipidura rufifrons russata

15cm

Endemic subspecies





Illustration taken from Birds of Melanesia

Wehirihi hagasuabo

Makira fantail

Rhipdura tenebrosa

17cm

Endemic

UC



Wehirihi ni toro

Grey fantail

Rhipdura albiscapa brenchleyi

15cm

UC



>500m



female

Tahetahemarata

Makira Flycatcher

Myiagra cervinicauda

14cm

Endemic

UC





Angaritaratara

Chestnut-bellied Monarch

Monarcha castaneiventris megarhynchus

17cm

Endemic to SI

©



Manuvorovorota

White-collared Monarch

Symposiachrus vidua vidua

15cm

Endemic

©



Tutu

Oriole Whistler

Pachycephala orioloides christopori

15cm

Endemic to IS

©





Tutu

Oriole Whistler

Pachycephala orioloides christopori

15cm

Endemic to IS

FC



Pacific Robin

Petroica multicolour ploymorpha

10cm

UC



>800m



Toa/Gorogoro

Pacific Koel

Eudynamys orientalis alberti

41cm

FC





Ngea

Barred Cuckooshrike

Coracina lineate makirae

23cm

Endemic subspecies

FC



Banoe

Makira Cuckoobird

Coracina salomonis

23cm

Endemic

FC



Barabarasinaga

Dollarbird

Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis

27cm

FC





Gaku

Makira Honeyeater

Meliarchus sclateri

25cm

Endemic

FC



Abababarêrige

Makira Thrush

Zoothera margaretae

23cm

Endemic

UC



Babakiki

Spangled Drongo

Dicrurus bracteatus longirostris

30cm

Endemic subspecies

UC





Apisu

Metallic Starling

Aplonis metallica nitida

24cm

C



Apisu

Singing Starling

Aplonis cantoroides

19cm

FC



*Illustration from Birds of Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
and New Caledonia*

Apisu

Makira Starling

Aplonis dichroa

20cm

Endemic

UC



GLOSSARY

- **Endemic:** Na marâ go tarahura ma igê na agua gitage manga na marê
An animal or plant that is only found in a certain area, such as an island
- **Habitat:** Hinua iata na arani marâ *An area where an animal lives*
- **Diet:** Ngauha *The kind of food that something eats*
- **Species:** Na marâ hehegitigi ga nahuni mêriha i na maweta
Separate types of animals or plants that have been identified as different from another type
- **Subspecies:** Na marâ hehegitagi ga nahuni mêriha i na maweta maka tanu getera panira na tamata, nive wari ka gaoga in tana mare ke na bêwô
A species which is slightly different from the main population, usually separated geographically
- **Conservation:** Bâbâ suria na maveta
Protecting the environment
- **Endangered:** Arani marâ ga mauri i bemu henigi na marâ ga sugiama ge hatu hatu
A population which has decreased a lot and is now close to being finished
- **Extinct:** Na marâ ga bani mê ka mareha pania na maveta
An animal which is now finished from the world





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