

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

August 1 2017, by Robert Davis

---

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](#).

This article was originally published on [The Conversation](#). Read the [original article](#).

Provided by The Conversation

Citation: The good news and bad news about the rare birds of Papua New Guinea (2017, August 1) retrieved 27 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2017-08-good-news-bad-rare-birds.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.