
**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW AT MANOKWARI,
A NEW SPECIES FOR IRIAN JAVA**

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Three Red-rumped Striated Swallows *Hirundo daurica/striolata* were observed at Manokwari on 10 Jan 1994, in company with Barn Swallow *H. rustica* and Pacific Swallow *H. tahitica*. They had some streaking on the underparts and most resembled *striolata*, but we hesitate to ascribe them to a particular race or species given the uncertainty over the field characters of these forms. These seem to constitute the first record for Irian Jaya (Andrew 1992), although Beehler *et al.* describe *H. daurica* as a rare migrant to Papua New Guinea (PNG) during the northern winter, with few scattered records. It was first recorded in PNG in 1974 (Filewood 1974) but subsequently there appears to have been an increase in numbers, with annual records since 1983 during the period October to April. Birds seen at Tabubil, PNG, by the first author most resemble *daurica*, and the first Australian records during the same period are also believed to be *daurica*, although "the matter clearly requires further investigation" (Christidis & Boles 1994). By contrast, nominate *striolata* is resident in Java (MacKinnon & Phillipps 1993), Nusatenggara east to Wetar (White & Bruce 1986) and the Philippines (Dickinson *et al.* 1991). Presumably "Red-rumped" Swallows have previously been overlooked in the Indonesian half of New Guinea.

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