
CALL OF THE GREY IMPERIAL PIGEON

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The Grey Imperial Pigeon *Ducula pickeringii* is a little known species inhabiting small wooded islands off the north and north east coast of Borneo, islands in the Sulu Sea, Sulu Archipelago, Talaut Islands, east and west Bolod Islands, Loran Island and Palmas Island (Goodwin 1967). The call of this species apparently is unrecorded (Goodwin 1967, MacKinnon & Phiffipps 1993).

I observed several Grey Imperial Pigeons on Manukan Island in the Tunku Abdul Rahman Park, off Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, on 23 and 24 August 1995. Also present on the island were several other pigeons including Green Imperial Pigeon *D. aenea*. Orange breasted Green pigeon *Treron bicincta* and Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*.

The distinctive call of the Grey Imperial Pigeon was noted as a regular 'woo woo woo woo woo woo'. The call usually consisted of seven 'woo' notes but at times was shorter, being occasionally only four notes. The 'woo' sound was similar to that made by an object being swung, in an irregular manner, at the end of a piece of string.

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RECORDS OF BLACK CAPPED KINGFISHER IN JAVA

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Recent sight records of the Black capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* were made on the peninsula of Alas Purwo national park in East Java at 8°42'S, 114°28'E, and at the Bogor Botanical Gardens in West Java at 6°36'S, 106°45'E. In both cases, the identification was based on plumage: black