

First Record of the Elegant Imperial Pigeon *Ducula concinna* on Biak Island, Irian Jaya (Papua)

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Catatan Pertama Pergam tarut *Ducula concinna* di Pulau Biak, Irian Jaya (Papua)

Ringkasan Dilaporkan penemuan pertama jenis Pergam tarut *Ducula concinna* di Pulau Biak, Papua, yang juga merupakan catatan pertama untuk kawasan Papua bagian utara.

The Elegant or Yellow-eyed Imperial Pigeon *Ducula concinna* is known from many small islands in and bordering the Moluccas, Banda and Flores Sea (White & Bruce 1986; Coates & Bishop 1997). Around New Guinea, it occurs on the Aru Islands and islands off Bomberai Peninsula south of the Vogelkop (Beehler *et al.* 1986). This note describes the first known occurrence of the species on the northern side of New Guinea.

On 13 September 2001, a group of ornithologists, including myself, observed a single Elegant Imperial Pigeon in the Makmakerbo area, a few kilometres east of Biak, in Geelvink Bay, Irian Jaya (Papua) in western New Guinea. The bird was spotted with a 60x Swift telescope, less than 50 m away from our observation point. The back of the bird was light green and the head and breast pale ashy-grey, with a yellowish-brown iris. It had no knob on its bill. In flight, it showed the grey colour of the breast, contrasting with a blackish under-wing. The call was a harsh-sounding bark. The habitat was semi-open lowland woodlands. A single individual was recorded at the same location again on 21 July 2002 in the company of D. Gardner.

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