

METALLIC PIGEON *Columba vitiensis*
SIGHTING ON FLORES

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On 27 August 1987, I saw a single Metallic Pigeon *Columba vitiensis* at 1,500 m elevation, near the summit of Gunung Repok in eastern Flores. The pigeon was seen well at about 15 meters distance in primary evergreen forest. It was entirely blackish and fairly large. Known from Sumbawa, Sumba and Timor (White and Bruce, 1986), it was to be expected on Flores.

Reference:

White, C.M.N. and M.t. Bruce, 1986. *The Birds of Wallacea (Sulawesi, The Molluccas & Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia)*. Brit.Orn.Union. Checklist No. 7, London.

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(Ed: This record substantiates a previous record that was overlooked by White & Bruce (1986). Schmutz (1977) reported obtaining a female specimen in breeding condition on 21 June 1972 on the forest edge at 900 m at Golo Ponto.

Schmutz, E. 1977. *Die Vögel der Manggaw (Flores)*. Ruteng, Flores: Authors ms: 35-36.)