

possession of the natives. If therefore, as is probable, from signs made by the natives, there are wild pigs on the main island of the group, they must be unlike the Papuan pigs in this respect, and resemble more the New Hebrides breeds. Two dogs were seen on Wild Island; one, a puppy, was white, smooth haired, like a fox terrier in appearance, and very like a dog that was in the possession of the natives at Humboldt Bay. These were the only dogs seen amongst the natives. Rats were not observed on any of the islands. No fowls were seen in the possession of the natives, but a plume of cock's feathers worn as a head-dress was obtained from one native. Fowls must therefore exist in the islands somewhere, but are probably scarce, as only this one plume was seen.

The Dugong, a Dolphin, and a Phalanger (*Cuscus*) are killed by the natives. Two species of Fruit Bats (*Pteropus hypomelanus* and *Harpyia cephalotes*) were procured.

Of Reptiles, two species of Turtles are common, *Chelone midas* and *Chelone imbricata*, the latter being the source of the principal article of barter, tortoiseshell. In the swamp-pools is a species of Crocodile. There are also, at least, two species of Snakes (Hydrophidæ), one of which is *Platurus laticaudatus*. A Gecko (*Heteropus*) and two species of blue-tailed Lizards (*Mabouya cyanura* and another), a Skink (*Keneuxia smaragdina*), and a large Monitor (*Varanus indicus*) were procured by the Expedition, the Lizards being very abundant.

Among the birds collected were six new species.¹ The most abundant are the Fruit Pigeons (*Carpophaga rhodinolæma*), which feed upon the wild coffee and nutmegs, and roost in vast numbers upon one of the outlying islands. Small Tree Swifts (*Collocalia*) fly about among the cocoanut trees, and all day flocks of Terns and Noddies (*Sterna lunata*, *Anous*) follow, in the still waters within the reefs, the shoals of Skipjacks (*Caranx*) as they pursue the smaller fish. The shores are inhabited by several species of littoral birds. There was seen on the main island a scarlet and black Parrot or Cockatoo of some kind, which flew out of some high trees on the sea shore, screaming loudly, like a Cockatoo. It was wary, and could not be approached within shooting distance.

Among the fish collected by the Expedition were three new species; one *Lophius* and two Pleuronectids.² The only Butterfly obtained on Wild Island was a new species (*Saphara ursula*, Butler), and the only Moth captured was *Damalis alciphron*. Of the twelve species of land and fresh water Mollusca collected nine were previously undescribed.³

¹ *Rhipidura semirubra*, Sel.; *Philemon albitorques*, Sel.; *Monarcha infelix*, Sel.; *Myzomela pammelæna*, Sel.; *Carpophaga rhodinolæma*, Sel.; and *Ptilopus johannis*, Sel.

² *Lophius naresi*, Günth.; *Pseudorhombus ocellatus*, Günth.; and *Nematops microstoma*, Günth.

³ *Athoracophorus virgatus*, Smith; *Helix* (*Geotrochus*) *moseleyi*, Smith; *Helix* (*Geotrochus*) *labillardierei*, Smith; *Helix* (*Hemiplecta*) *infrastrigata*, Smith; *Helix* (*Hemiplecta*?) *cartereti*, Smith; *Helix* (*Chloritis*) *denticostausci*, Smith; *Partula hartmanni*, Smith; *Cyclostoma infans*, Smith; *Helicina ponsunhyi*, Smith, *Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond.*, pp. 263-266, 1884.