

**Raja Ampat 2016**  
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Mandatory photo of Painemo or Wayag.

We were in the area for 4 weeks. At this point in the trip I was quite lazy, as we had been traveling for a couple months and some friends from the US joined up with us. I probably could have picked up a couple more bats or rats if I had gone out at night more. Also, knowing what I know now, I would have headed down to Misool for more diving and the Brown Dorcopsis, which I think is still seeable there. I would also have made an effort to get to Salawati, as it has many more species of mammals and Birds of Paradise. I would point anyone with an interest in the area to [stayrajaampat.com](http://stayrajaampat.com) and Steve Anyon-Smith's report on [mammalwatching.com](http://mammalwatching.com), which can also be found in the birding section of [stayrajaampat.com](http://stayrajaampat.com).

Where we stayed

**Yenkarom** Remote, Dugong allegedly common. They said the weather was too rough when we were there. We did the Wai Island visit from there.

**Manta Homestay** On Arborek, good snorkeling, no mammals.

**Yenkanganes** On Waigeo, best trail access and BoP sites. Florence is gone.

**Nudibranch** In the mangroves near Sawinggrai village.

**Mambefor** On the water in Sawinggrai village.

**Koranu Fyak** Cheap dive place with cold beer on Kri.

## Mammals

**Northern Common Cuscus** (*Phalanger orientalis*) - Observed once at Yenkanganes when it climbed onto the roof of the dining room at 11 pm.

**Waigeo Cuscus** (*Spilocuscus papuensis*) – Observed in the forest 2 of 3 mornings at Yenkanganes. Present most nights at Nudibranch, where they are fed.



**Striped Possum** (*Dactylopsila trivirgata*) – One seen on Kri in the tree next to our room.



**Sugar Glider** (*Petaurus breviceps*) – One seen well while hiking in to BoP site near Yenkanganes.

**Beaufort's Naked-backed Fruit Bat** (*Dobsonia beauforti*) – Observed in a cave we visited on a day trip from Nudibranch.



**Spectacled Flying Fox** – Large colony visited on Wai Island. I believe it is this species, but would welcome a correction.



**Raffray's Sheath-tailed Bat** (*Emballonura raffrayana*) – 2 observed roosting in a cave under the board walk near Yenkanganes.

**Bottlenose Dolphin** (*Tursiops truncatus*) – Seen many times while we were in the islands.