

Project Update: January 2012

This might be of interest:

<http://www.birdlife.org/community/2011/09/the-ecology-of-the-mao-in-samoa/>

Firstly we have a new website- It is still being worked on but here it is
<http://www.samoanbirds.com/>

We also have two really interesting YouTube videos

1. A rat predating a an egg while the mother bird is on the nest
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y38B8aDfPjQ&feature=related>
2. A Female Mao feeding her chick (it turns out they have only one which they mother intensively for 3 months!) a big gecko
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1BC5KjAtC8>

The sound equipment which was sponsored by your grant has also been used on the critically endangered Crow honeyeater in New Caledonia.

Indeed, the Crow honeyeater recordings made in the Province Sud were successfully used in Mt Panié on 228 points during 2, 5 months of intensive field work (a survey funded by Province nord & realized by Christophe de Franceschi & local guides). Unfortunately, only one individual has been found, although contacted 11 times over 8 days in a 20ha area. The equipment purchased from the Rufford grant was much appreciated (and also used for all of these 228 points)!

