

6. Extreme Form

Raggiana Bird of Paradise (*Paradisaea raggiana*)
Attribute - Plumage exploitation at alarming proportions



1962 . Definitive

6.13 Plumes Exploitation

EXTREME BIRDS

Geographical Distribution - Rain forests of New Guinea



First Flight Cover To New Zealand Dt 18 Jul 1934, tied with 2v Ovpvt Airmail 6d and 2d

The Raggiana Bird-of-paradise (*Paradisaea raggiana*) is a remarkably beautiful. In New Guinea, it is referred to as "**kumul**," and is the national bird.



1964. Airmail. Dramatic error— top row albino Block of 4 with printer's Credentials

The majority of birds of paradise are sexual dimorphic (a difference in coloration between genders). The plume from the bird of paradise was used in the Royal crown worn by the King of Nepal, before the establishment of a republic.



Artist signed sunken proof. Printed by M/s Format International Security Printers. Artist **GUSTAVE COURBET**

1970

BIRDS OF ANTWERP ZOO 1962
 A set of 6 stamps depicting birds of Antwerp Zoo.

