

RECORDINGS OF BAT SOUNDS

TONGA

DOC-RBB-TO1 United Kingdom 1976

Tonga Fruit Bat (*Pteropus tonganus*)

Bat Sounds

Prod. Co: Tangent Records; London

Rec. Eng: Lavinia 'A. Finau

Time: 2:01

LP: MUSIC FROM TONGA – THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS

Label: Tangent TGM 122

Spec: 12" 33rpm (Sd 2 – Bd 1)

Notes: The clicking sounds of flying foxes can be heard at four points, interspersed with the children's choral voices singing the song "Peka (The Flying Foxes)." (See also under World Music – Tonga [WD-TO1](#))

"This species is the most widespread of the Pacific fruit bats. It ranges from Karkar and Koil islands of Papua New Guinea, southeastwards into the Solomon Islands, and from here ranges to Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Fiji (widespread), Wallis and Futuna (few old records), Tonga, Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, and the Cook Islands." (Hamilton & Helgen 2008)

This bat is on the Red List of endangered species of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUNC).

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