

Strange Cases of Missing Children

The nonfiction *Missing 411 Western United States & Canada*, by the investigative journalist David Paulides, documents many strange missing-persons cases that were never solved. New investigations in cryptozoology now reveal an explanation for some of the cases.

Four American cryptozoologists have explored jungles in Papua New Guinea, during the past fourteen years:

- Paul Nation of Texas
- Garth Guessman of California
- Jonathan Whitcomb of Utah
- David Woetzel of New Hampshire

In the southwest Pacific, they interviewed native eyewitnesses of strange nocturnal flying creatures, large animals that are called by various names in villages that have different native languages:

- *Ropen* (Umboi Island)
- *Wawanar* (small islands near southwest coast of New Britain)
- *Kor* (islands north of Umboi)
- *Indava* (mainland of New Guinea)

Paul Nation, in his expedition in 2006, learned that the indavas once terrorized villagers on the mainland, carrying off pigs and even children. In other parts of the mainland, large flying creatures were reported to have even carried away full-grown men, in particular near villages around the cities of Lae and Finschhafen.

Whitcomb now proposes that at least a few of the strangest cases of missing children in wilderness areas of the United

States may be from attacks from similar flying creatures, especially those cases that involve more than one of the following:

- Human body was found badly scratched and too far away from the original location
- Dogs cannot track where the child walked away
- Living child was found in thick berry bushes
- Toddler was found in higher elevation and too many miles away
- Some articles of clothing missing in cold weather: one shoe or just a sweater or the pants

Those four American cryptozoologists believe these flying creatures are related to those that left fossils that are known, in Western countries, as *pterosaurs*. Many Americans call those “primitive” flying creatures *pterodactyls*.

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Missing Children in the USA

He was playing in a small wash with his four-year-old brother on that cold February morning. Ronald did not return home with his brother, which must have alarmed their mother. A search found no sign of the two-year-old, a search that lasted four days and included airplanes, tracking dogs, and over two hundred volunteers and professional searchers, no sign until the fourth day.

“Pterodactyl” attacks in British Columbia, Canada

For many years, there have been reports of people being attacked in Africa and in Papua New Guinea. I have only recently noticed this news about flying creatures attacking people in British Columbia at night.

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