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Torres Strait Australia.

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#n	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Vag	Vagrant, P Jul-Aug 1974,	3,5,
2.	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Vag	1 banded bird stayed a few weeks Sep 1978,	1,
3.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Res bre	UC, 1 obs 4 Aug 1974,	1,5,
4.	Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Res bre	C builds nests Oct – Nov, VC Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
5.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	P, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
6.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res bre	Breeds when Wongai fruit ripen,	1,
	[Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Vag	1 record in wet season,	1,
7.	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Win mig	Nomadic in wet season,	1,
8.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	UC,	1,
9.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	C, VC offshore Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
10.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Vag	Vag,	1,
11.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	Common, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
12.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Vag	Vag,	1,
13.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Res	UC,	1,
14.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Res	Numbers vary,	1,
15.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	Vag	2 records, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,3,5,
16.	Pied Heron	<i>Ardea picata</i>	Vag?	P, Said to visit (Aug 1974),	3,5,
17.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	MC	1,
18.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Vag	1 record, P Jul-Aug 1974 (8G:3W),	3,5,
19.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Res	Nomadic, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
20.	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	Win mig	C dry season resident,	1,
21.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Vag?	P, P Jul-Aug 1974,	3,5,
22.	Red-necked Rail	<i>Rallina tricolor</i>	Mig?	Possibly regular heard flying over at night, 1 obs 3&8 Aug 1974,	1,5,
23.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	C in Summer few in winter, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
24.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC, Local said it occurred here,	1,5,
24.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Many wintering here, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
26.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	C in summer UC in winter, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
27.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	UC, 1 often observed Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
28.	Red-backed Button-quail	<i>Turnix maculosa</i>	Res	Bre? P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
29.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	C offshore, C offshore 1 on beach 25 Jul 1974,	1,5,
30.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	1 obs & 1 coll Jul-Aug 1974,	5,
31.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Vag	UC visitor,	1,5,
32.	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC,	1,
33.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	UC, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
34.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	MC,	1,
35.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Win mig	UC – C in different years, VC Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,

36.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	P,	1,
37.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	Rare vagrant,	1,
38.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Vag?	Opportunistic visitor,	1,
39.	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	?	Recorded,	1,
40.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC, 1 calling 3 Aug 1974,	1,5,
41.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Spr/Aut mig	MC, 1 heard 27 Jul & 4 Aug 1974,	1,5,
42.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites lucidus</i>	Vag	1 record,	1,
43.	Pallid Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus pallidus</i>	Vag	1 record,	1,
44.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus macleayii</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Numbers vary from 1 year to the next, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
45.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Spr mig Win Res	C, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
46.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	A. 8 arrived 27 Jul 1974,	1,5,
47.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P, 1 heard 3 Aug 1974,	1,5,
48.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	Flocks of Ad & imm,	1,
49.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	Vag,	1 record,	1,
50.	Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	Vag,	1 record, 1 heard 22 Jul 3 obs 2-3 Aug 1974,	3,5,
51.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	Res Spr/mig	C Spr & Aut, UC resident rest of year, P,	1,2,
52.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Res bre	P, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
53.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>	Sum mig	P, Inhabits lower portions of Monsoon forest, C Jul-Aug 1974,	1,2,5,
54.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis diminutus</i>	Res bre	Breeds in Wet, C in savanna and grassland, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,2,4,5,
55.	Pale White-eye	<i>Zosterops citrinellus</i>	Res bre	Nests in the wet, C Jul-Aug 1974,	1,5,
56.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C nesting commences late dry, P, P Jul-Aug 1974,	1,2,5,

KEY

Ecological status

End = Endemic to Island unless otherwise stated, **Res bre** = Resident breeder, **Res** = resident ie breeding not proven or not likely. For seabirds it means they have or should be found in that area: note other refs. **Vag** = Vagrant, **Res/mig** = Part of population migratory, **Sum mig** = Summer migrant, **Win mig** = Winter migrant, **Spr/Aut mig** = Passage migrant in Spring and Autumn, **Intro** = Introduced.

Abundance

R = rare, **S** = scarce, **UC** = uncommon, **MC** = moderately common, **LC** = locally common, **C** = common, **VC** = very common, **A** = abundant **P** = present.

Colour coding applies only to one species on a particular list. eg. An abundance comment in red for the Brown Booby refers to the Ref # in Red for that species only.

Alternate Island Names & alternate common Bird Names are recorded in two separate spreadsheet files.

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