

Saonek Is. Bird Checklist

W. Papuan Group, Indonesia.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea ibis coromandus</i>	Res	Obs Jan 1910,	3,4,
2.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae leucosomus</i>	Res	F coll Sep 1948, partial collar and barred ventral pts,	3,
3.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus h. leucocephalus</i>	Res	Obs Jan 1910,	3,4,
4.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	1 coll 13 Oct 1948,	4,
5.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius l. leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	F coll 11 Oct 1948,	4,
6.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	2F coll 11&12 Oct 1948,	4,
7.	Violet-necked Lory	<i>Eos s. squamata</i>	Res bre	VC Jan 1910,	3,4,
8.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus c. chloris</i>	Res bre	Obs Jan 1910,	3,4,
9.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Win mig	M coll 12 Oct 1948,	3,
10.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	M coll Oct 1948,	3,
11.	Island Whistler	<i>Pachycephala phaionotus</i>	Res bre	Inhabits coastal vegetation.	2,
12.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus papuensis</i>	Res bre	1M3F coll Sep 1948,	3,
13.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia cochrani</i>	Res bre	“Met with” on 14 Sep 1948,	3,
14.	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus versicolor</i>	Res bre	2M1F coll 1948,	3,
15.	Red Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea rubra</i>	Res bre	P 0-600m, Inhabits lowland & foothill forest, F coll Oct 1948,	1,2,3,
16.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	1M coll Sep 1948,	3,
17.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis m. metallica</i>	Res bre	A “Met with” on 14 Sep 1948,	3,

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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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