

Lifou Island Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Light-mantled Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i>	Vag	1 Juv 26 Sep 2008.	37,
2.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata trouessarti</i>	Res	4 offshore Jul 1962, <10 to E. Nov 2004. 2 off Pt Daussy Oct 06,5,16,23,28,	16,28,44,
3.	Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Res	2 off Pointe Daussy 11 Oct 06, 4 obs Jan 2005,	16,28,44,
4.	White-necked Petrel	<i>Pterodroma cervicalis</i>	Vag	1 offshore 17 Nov & 12 Dec 2008,	37,
5.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	1 27 Feb 2009,	37,
6.	Herald Petrel	<i>Pterodroma heraldica</i>	Res	6 pale-phase birds obs 24.12.2008,	40,
7.	Black-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i>	Res	28 obs offshore Jan 2005.	44,
8.	Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	Vag	1 obs 27 Aug 2008,	37,
9.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	Vag	1 coll Nov 1998 between Grande Terre and Lifou,	34,
10.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardena pacificus</i>	Spr Mig	Pointe Daussy 200 11 Oct 300 12 Oct 06,	16,28,
11.	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardena griseus</i>	Spr Mig	20 between here and Tanna 22 Nov 2004, 500 11&12 Oct 2006, 16,23,28, Pt Daussy 2006,	16,23,28,
12.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardena tenuirostris</i>	Spr Mig	few 11 & 12 Oct 2006 with Sooty S. Pointe Daussy, Hundreds Apr/May & Oct/Nov 1998, 224 obs Jan 2005,	28,34,44,
13.	Buller's Shearwater [Fregetta spp	<i>Ardena bulleri</i> <i>F. grallaria or F tropica?</i>	Vag Spr/Aut mig?	Obs 16 Dec 2008 & 29 May 2009. Obs Apr & Oct 1998,	37, 34,]
14.	Madeiran Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>	Vag	1 obs Oct 1998,	34,
15.	White-faced Storm-Petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	Res?	1 obs 29 May & 1 Jul 2009,	37,
16.	Black-bellied Storm-petrel	<i>Fregatta tropica</i>	Res?	1 obs 11 Jun 2009,	37,
17.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	P,	34,
18.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	Uncommon, 1 Obs Jan 2005,	9,16,44,
19.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata m. minor</i>	Res	1 probable off Pt Daussy 12 Oct 06, 32 obs,	16,28,36,
20.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	UC, 3 Pt Daussy 12 Oct 06, UC,	9,16,28,36,
21.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	12 off Pt Daussy 12 Oct 06, 1 obs Jan 2005,	16,28,44,
22.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	1 spec. 1870's, 5 off Pt Daussy 11 Oct & 12 12 Oct 06, 1Ad Jul 2013,	9,16,28,43,
23.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra albolineata</i>	Res bre	P, C near mangroves, 4 obs br confirmed, 2 Grey Jul 2013,	9,34,36,43,
24.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vag	1 captured & taken to zoo in Nouméa 1976,	35,
25.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	UC, 1 spec, 1 obs 30 Jan 2008,	4,9,37,
26.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus vigilax</i>	Res bre	C, 12 observed br confirmed, Obs 2003, 1 obs 2012,	34,36,38,42,
27.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res Bre	Obs. by Macmillan, 1 obs 3 Apr 04, R,	20,23,34
28.	Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Vag	1 obs at Kumo 22 Jul & at Wanaham 22 Jul 2008,	37,
29.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Res bre	MC 1880. 1 seen Nov 2004, MC, 5 obs br confirmed,	9,23,34,36,

30.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i> <i>pelewensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon Coll. P,	9,21,34,
31.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	P, C, 25 obs Br confirmed,	9,34,36,
32.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon, Rare,	7,9,34,
33.	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis</i> <i>tabuensis</i>	Res bre	Common Becoming rare, Rare,	1,7,34,
34.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i> <i>samoensis</i>	Res bre	UC, R, & possibly absent, Obs Jul 2008,	9,34,39,
35.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	UC due to lack of Suitable Hab. 1 spec Aug 2000 Nov 2004, C in Mar Nuptial plumage Jul 1999-2000, 582 observed,	9,11,17,26,34, 36,
36.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	15 obs in Jan 1998,	34,
37.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus i. incanus</i>	Sum mig	UC, C & prob this species,	9,17,34,
38.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Sum mig	MC, P, 2 observed,	9,17,34,36,
39.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	1 heard Nov 2004,	23,
40.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum vag	1 obs 10 Nov 2008,	37,
41.	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Mig?	1 obs Pointe Daussy 11 Oct 2006,	28,
42.	South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	Vag?	1 thought this sp off Pt Daussy 12 Oct 2006, 1 obs Apr 1998,	28,34,
43.	Arctic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	MC in Loyalty isl, Obs Nov 1998,	34,
44.	Antarctic Petrel	<i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i>	Win Mig	2 ob 22 Jul & 27 Aug 2008,	37,
45.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	UC, Few each day Oct 2006, Rare, 1 observed,	9,28,34,36,
46.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii bangsi</i>	Res	Uncommon visitor from Uvea	9,17,
47.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus serrata</i>	Res	<100 well to East 22 Nov 2004.	17,23,
48.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	P, Few 11 & 12 Oct 2006, Occ. Visitor, 4 observed,	9,17,28,34,36,
49.	Fairy Tern	<i>Sternula nereis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	9,
50.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Vag	rare visitor,	34,
51.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	1 bre record,	34,
52.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res bre	1 bre record,	34,
53.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res	2 obs Jan 2005,	44,
54.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis hypoenochroa</i>	Res bre	MC, UC, 1M1F Coll. 5 seen Nov 2004, 30 on 11 Oct 2006, Decline due to hunting, At 7% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 2003, 2008, 2012,	2,9,21,23,28, 34,36,38,39, 42,
55.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Res bre	VC. 1F Coll. <10 seen Nov 2004, 2 obs Nov 04, Few 11-12 Oct 2006, At 3% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 2003,08,	9,21,23,26,28, 36,38,39,
56.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Widespread. Abundant. Coll. 1920's 1 seen Apr, Nov 2004, Commonly heard few seen Jul 02, 30 11-12 Oct 06, At 82% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Dozens heard few seen 2003, Obs Jul 2008, many heard 2012,	2,8,9,22,23,24, 25,28,36,38,39, 42,
57.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacificus</i>	Res bre	UC, Coll, R, At 6% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs in Nth 24.12.2008,	7,9,21,34,36, 40,
58.	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Intro	C Jul 2004, Oct 2007.	39,
59.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Fairly common in interior. Obs Oct 2007,	8,9,39,
	[Horned Parakeet	<i>Eunymphicus cornutus cornutus</i>	End NCgrp	translocated here in 1925 & 1963 but died out due to Black Rat,	34,]
60.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis pyrrhophanus</i>	Res bre	3 spec. AMNH, 2 Paris Mus. P Nov 2004. At 21% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Heard Jul 2008,	4,14,23,36,39,
61.	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Win Mig	MC, spec c eggs, P Nov 2004, Heard 11 Oct 2006, At 30% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002,	2,6,9,23,28,36,
62.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica lifuensis</i>	Res bre	V UC 1880. 8 spec. AMNH. 1 obs br confirmed, Obs 2003, 1 obs Sep 2012, 3 obs Jul 2013,	4,6,9,10,36,38, 42,43,
	[Grass Owl	<i>Tyto longimembris</i>	Res bre	UC, Origin of Layards 1880 obs doubted,	9,34,]

63.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta albidior</i>	Res bre	MC, BR in Beach caves, 1M2F skins AMNH, Obs 2003, 08,	6,9,31,38,39,
64.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius leucopygia</i>	Res bre	UC, Few seen Nov 2004, 10M 6F skins AMNH, At 11% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 2003, 2 obs Sep 2012,	9,23,31,38, 42,
65.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Vag	1 obs 1879, P Nov 2004,	9,23,
66.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sanctus canacorum</i>	?	MC, MC Nov 2004, At 16% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002,	08,9,23,36,39,
67.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Rare, P Nov 2004, 4 12 Oct 2006, R,	1,2,23,28,34,
68.	Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	Vag?	2 obs Nov 1999, 41 obs,	34,36,
69.	Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	Vag	Obs Aug 2003,	41,
70.	South Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica lifuensis</i>	End	Rare, 2 Nov 2004, MC in woodland, At 19% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, Obs Jul 2008, Obs 2003, 2012,	1,7,9,23,34,36, 39,41,42,
71.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopygia simillima</i>	Res bre	C, 9 coll, 2 obs Jul 2002, MC, At 58% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, Obs Jul 2008, Obs Dec 2008,	3,8,9,13,25,34, 36,39,40,
72.	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Intro	Obs Oct 2007,	39,
73.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus pritzbueri</i>	Res bre	C, V Rare, UC & Wary Poss extinct. Nearly Extinct 1939. VR,	1,7,8,9,15,18, 34,
74.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis lifuensis</i>	End	C, UC, MC without yellow Nov 04, C, At 87% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002,	7,9,23,34,36,
75.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa bulgeri</i>	Res bre	P, Vagrant, Obs 2003, Obs Aug 2003,	30,34,38,41,
76.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi verreauxi</i>	Res bre	UC, 2 seen Nov 2004, At 69% of 359 survey points 1999-2002,	9,23,30,32,34, 36,
77.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica viridinitens</i>	End	P, 1 obs Nov 04, C in dry forests, At 31% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, P 2003, P 2012,	7,9,10,26,34, 36,38,42,
78.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis littayei</i>	Res bre	? in forest, P Nov 2004, 1 obs 11 Oct 2006, MC in regrowth At 18% of 359 survey points 1999-2002,	1,7,9,23,28,29, 34,36,
79.	Lifu White-eye	<i>Zosterops minuta</i>	End Lifu	VC in 1880 & 1981. VC Nov 2004, Forest edge Apr 04, A 11 Oct 2006, VC, At 88% of 359 survey points 1999-2002	1,7,8,9,23,24, 28,34,36,38,40,
80.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis melanops</i>	Res bre	MC but timid, A, MC Nov 04, Top of head blackish, MC & widespread but R in forest, At 48% of 359 survey points 1999-36, 2002,	1,7,15,23,27,34
81.	Large Lifou White-eye	<i>Zosterops inornata</i>	End Lifu	C in forest. VC, UC, Uncooperative Nov 04, Obs Apr 04, Only 1 obs Jul 02 with silvereyes, Liquid songs led to 4 Nov, 15 obs 11 Oct 2006, R to MC, At 75% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, Many heard but 2 hr to get good look 2003, MC in Nth Dec 2008,	1,7,8,9,15,23, 24,25,26,28,34, 36,38,40,
82.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis lifuensis</i>	Res bre	VC., MC Nov 2004, P Apr 04, 3 obs Jul 02, Males are Black below (brown in Imm.) not red as in Doughty, P, At 79% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002, Heard & seen 2003, In Nth 2008,	7,8,9,23,24,25, 27,34,36,38,40,
83.	Barred Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia undulata</i>	Res bre	2 coll 1962, AMNH,	33,
84.	Dark-brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	C, VC Nov 2004, 2 coll Dec 1961, At 37% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002,	9,23,33,36,
85.	New Caledonian Friarbird	<i>Philemon diemenensis</i>	End NC.	UC, 2 Nov 2004, 10 obs 11 Oct 2006, At 35% of 359 survey sites 1999-2002,	8,9,23,28,
86.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	Rare, UC, 1-3 seen Nov 04, MC-C especially in rougher terrain, 2 near airport 1998, At 0.3% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, Obs 2003,	1,7,8,12,15,19, 23,34,36,38,

87.	Red-throated Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura psittacea</i>	Res bre	UC, 3 seen La Farino Nov 04,	3,9,23,
88.	New Caledonian Starling	<i>Aplornis striatus atronitens</i>	End	C, 2 seen Nov 2004, VC, At 22% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, P 2003, 1 obs Jul 2013,	1,7,8,9,23,34,36,38,43,
89.	Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Obs Oct 2007,	39,
90.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	UC, C Nov 2004, MC in open areas, At 2% of 359 survey points 1999-2002, <11 obs/day Jul 2013,	9,23,34,43,
91.	New Caledonian Crow	<i>Corvus moneduloides</i>	End	Introduced but may not have acclimatised,	34,

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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