

Duchess (Uruma) Island Bird Checklist

D'Entrecasteaux Archipelago, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	P, 1 obs 30 May 2010,	2,3,5,
2.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	2 obs Sep 2011,	6,
3.	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>	Res Bre	2 obs & huge nest mound at top of island May 2010, 1 obs Sep	5,6,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	Observed	1,3,
5.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res	Obs. 5 obs Sep 2011,	1,4,6,
6.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	2 obs Sep 2011,	6,
7.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	2 obs Sep 2011,	6,
8.	Beach Stone-Curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris (no ssp)</i>	Res bre	Observed,	1,3,
9.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	6 obs 30 May 2010,	5,
10.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	50 obs Sep 2011,	6,
11.	Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Res	2 obs Sep 2011,	6,
12.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res	2 obs 30 May 2010, 10 obs Sep 2011,	5,6,
13.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res	1 obs 30 May 2010,	5,
14.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res	8 very nervous birds obs 30 May 2010,	5,
15.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris sordid or colona?</i>	Res bre	Coll, 4 obs May 2010, 1 obs Sep 2011,	1,3,5,6,
16.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sancta</i>	Win mig	1 obs Sep 2011,	6,
17.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons louisiadensis</i>	Res bre	Coll. 4 obs May 2010, 4 obs Sep 2011,	1,3,5,6,
18.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Res bre	1 obs 30 May 2010,	5,
19.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res bre	Coll, 4 obs May 2010, 10 obs Sep 2011,	1,3,5,6,
20.	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus versicolour vulgaris</i>	Res bre	Obs, 4 obs 30 May 2010, 5 obs Sep 2011,	1,3,5,6,
21.	Louisiades White-eye	<i>Zosterops g. griseotinctus or aignani</i>	Res bre	Coll, 8 obs 30 May 2010, 2 obs Sep 2011,	1,3,5,6,
22.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	2 obs 10 May 2010, 10 obs Sep 2011,	5,6,
23.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res	10 obs 30 May 2010, 1 obs Sep 2011,	5,6,
24.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Res	1 obs 30 May 2010, 2 obs Sep 2011,	5,6,

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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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