## Wallai Island Bird Checklist

## 6km sth of Kupiano, NG, PNG

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| \# | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
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| 1. | Lesser Frigatebird | Fregata ariel | Res | 5 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 2. | Brown Booby | Sula leucogaster | Res | 10 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 3. | Eastern Reef Egret | Egretta sacra | Res | 1 grey Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 4. | Ruddy Turnstone | Arenaria interpres | Sum mig | 1 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 5. | Grey-tailed Tattler | Tringa brevipes | Sum mig | 1 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 6. | Common Sandpiper | Actitis hypoleucos | Sum mig | 2 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 7. | Crested Tern | Thalasseus bergii | Res | 1 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 8. | Brown Noddy | Anous stolidus | Res | 20 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 9. | Black Noddy | Anous minutus | Res bre | 1000 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 10. | Pied Imperial Pigeon | Ducula bicolor | Res | 6 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 11. | Beach Kingfisher | Todirhamphus saurophaga | Res | 1 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 12. | Varied Honeyeater | Lichenostomus versicolour | Res | 20 obs Dec 1988, | 1, |
| 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

$\mathbf{R}=$ rare, $\mathbf{S}=$ scarce, $\mathbf{U C}=$ uncommon, $\mathbf{M C}=$ moderately common, $\mathbf{L C}=$ locally common, $\mathbf{C}=$ common, $\mathbf{V} \mathbf{C}=$ very common, $\mathbf{A}=$ abundant $\mathbf{P}=$ 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.

## REFERENCES

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