

# Malekula (Mallicolo) Island Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	Obs > 2002,	38,
2.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Common Nov 2004,	26,36,
3.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	3 obs 24 Mar 2007,	54,
4.	Tropical (Audubon's) Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bailloni (lherminieri) (gunax)</i>	Res bre	1 rec of 2 birds,	10,12,26,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	P	26,
6.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel ariel</i>	Res	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	12,26,38,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	C in mangroves 1M 1 imm Coll.1899. Obs 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 2 obs Mar 2007,	25,27,28,29, 38,54,
8.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus diminutus</i>	Res bre	MC, C in mangroves 1 F juv Coll.1899. P. 1971.P. between 2000 & 2006,	1,25,27,28,29, 38
9.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	P over forests & cleared areas 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 06, 7 obs Mar 2007,	25,29,38,54,
10.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res bre	C, U, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,25,38,54,
11.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	A few coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 obs Mar 2007,	25,27,38,54,
12.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro?	P. 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs 2014,	31,38,55,
13.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs in grassy scrub Port Stanley, Mangroves & tall grass 71 Obs. 2002-2007, 55 obs Mar 2007,	11,4,25,29, 38,54,
14.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	2 spec. AMNH Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs 2014,	8,9,12,25,38,55,
15.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre,V	C, UC. 1 F. Coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,25,27, 28,29,38,
16.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs Mar 2007,	38,54,
17.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegates</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	38,
18.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanus incanus</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	38,
19.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	38,
20.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	C, P 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 8 obs Mar 2007,	12,13,38,54,
21.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res	Obs towards Maskelynes,	1,4,10,12,
22.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res	300 off West	10,
23.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	?	1 rec	10,
24.	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	?	2 rec	10,
25.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	Local. Obs Nokovula forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 19 obs Mar 2007,	12,13,25, 29,38,54,
26.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877, 2M1Juv Coll. 1899. Netted in 2 forests 1971.	13,25,28,29,

27.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Res bre	Coll. 1920's 2 Coll. Mar 1929, Obs. between 2000&06, 6 Maskelyne Vill, 30 Oct 2014, 2 obs Mar 2007, C_UC, C 1877, P. 1971. 1M2F Coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	34,35,38,39,53, 54, 1,4,13,25,29, 33,38,
28.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	A 1877, A 1899. 2F Coll. 1899. P. 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 21 obs Mar 2007, 25 obs 2014,	13,25,27,28,29,33, 38,54,55,
29.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C C 1899. M Coll. 1899. In vine forest but not mangroves 1971	1,4,25,27,28, 29,33,38,55,
30.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, C in forest clearings, 1 M Coll.1899, 1 & 5 netted 1971, 1M Coll. 1-3 Coll. Mar 1929. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 2 Maskelyne Vill. 30 Oct 2014, 38 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,13,25, 27,28,29,33, 35,38,53,54,
31.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	C 1899. 1 obs at 1 of 2 sites 1971. 1-6 Coll Mar1929. VC 2004,	1,4,25,28, 29,35,36,52,
32.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	C.	1,4,25,
33.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	Now uncommon 1 spec. AMNH. VC ca 1930, 0 found 1971.	1,8,9,25,29, 30,
34.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win Mig	Now uncommon, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 heard 2014,	1,4,5,7,12,13,25,38, 55,
35.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica interposita</i>	Res bre	C. 1 spec. AMNH. Obs over cleared land 1971. Obs between 2002 & 2006, Obs 2007, 2 obs 2014,	1,4,8,21,25,29,38, 54,55,
36.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, 1 coll. Sandwich Bay 1899. 20-100 at 2 rock overhangs near Espiegle 1971, 1 Coll. 1929, Obs. 2000-2006, P Nov 2004, Nests Photo Weso Waterfalls Dec. 2004, 2M Skins AMNH, 12 obs 2014,	1,4,13,25,28, 29,35,36,37, 38,43,55,
37.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	C no recs 1979-99. Obs 1877, P Nov 2004, 4 obs 2014,	1,3,4,13,25,36,55,
38.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, spec. AMNH. P 1971. P Nov 2004, Obs Mar 2007.	1,4,13,23,25,29,36,54,
39.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	C. 2 coll Sandwich Bay, 1899. 1 netted in forest 9 in mangroves Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 23 obs 2007,	1,2,4,25,28, 29,36,38,54,
40.	Chestnut-bellied Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus farquhari</i>	End Vanu	C 1 coll. 1899. 5 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 1 obs Mar 2007, 2 obs (br?) Nov 2014,	1,4,12,25,28,29,31,38, 54,55,
41.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	Obs in 1877,	13,
42.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C. Local around Port Sandwich Jetty 1971, 1 nest in shipwreck. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 7 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,25,29,38,54,
43.	South Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	Res bre	C-UC, 1 coll 1877, C. F coll. 1899. Obs at both netting sites Coll. 1971. 1-4 coll. Mar 1929, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 5 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,12,13,14,25,28,29, 35,38,54,
44.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	Common in forests. Obs in forest. 6 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,12,25,29,54,
45.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	Common 8 coll. Juv coll. 1899. 1 netted in mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,5,19,25, 28,29,38,
46.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	C. 11 spec Aug 1926. 6 F coll 1899. 1 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 5 obs 2014,	1,4,20,25,27,28,29,38, 55,
47.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis correiaae</i>	Res bre	C Host to bronze cuckoo. Obs in both forest & mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs 2007, 3 obs 2014,	1,4,7,12,15, 25,29,38,54,55,
48.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	Common in open & closed forest P. 1971. obs. between 2000	1,12,25,29, 38,41,

49.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	& 2006, 7 obs Mar 2007, C in thick bush 6+ spec. AMNH. 14 netted in forest and 1 in mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007, 10 obs 2014,	54, 1,4,12,24,25,29,38,41, 44,54,55,
50.	Buff-bellied Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Van	C on coast, F coll 1899. 24 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,4,6,12,13, 25,28,29,38,
51.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides griseus</i>	Res bre	C in forest. 1 coll 1899. 5 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 5 obs 2014,	1,4,12,25,28,29,38,42, 55,
52.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C 3m Coll, include 1 from Rano Is. 1899. 2 netted in mangrove Obs. between 2000 & 2006, obs in forest 1971, 1-9 Coll. 28 Mar 1929, 3 or 4 Nov 2004, 3 obs Mar 2007, 1 obs 2014,	1,4,12,13,17,25,28, 38,29,35,36,42,54,55,
53.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor</i>	Res bre	C, Obs., between 2000 & 2006, said to be absent – in error, 2 obs 2014,	1,4,25,29,38,55,
54.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i>	Res bre	C. 1 coll 1877, 3M 2F coll 1899. 36 netted in forest 1971. 1-8 Coll. Mar 1929, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 7 obs 2007, 12 obs 2014,	1,4,12,13,16,25,28,29, 35,38,54,55,
55.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons macgillivrayi</i>	End Vanu	C-A. M&F coll. 1899. 19 netted in forest 1971. 5 Coll. 28 Mar 1919 Field Mus, 8 coll. bre. Aug 1926, Obs. between 2000 & Obs Mar 2007, 1 obs 2015,	1,4,12,13,25,28,29, 32,35,38,54,55,
56.	Silveryeye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatusensis</i>	Res bre	Obs 1877, 6 netted in mangroves 1971. Coll Aug 1926, Obs. 2000-2006, Obs 2007,	13,25,29,32,38,54,
57.	Dark-Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	C-UC 10 spec. AMNH. 1 netted in mangroves 1971. 1-2 Coll. 28 Mar 1929, Obs, between 2002 & 2006, 40 obs Maskelyne V Oct 2014,	1,4,12,22,25,29, 35,38,53,
58.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Phylidonyris notabilis</i>	End Vanu	C. Obs in forest & mangroves 1971. 1 Coll. 28 Mar 1929. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 obs 2014,	1,4,22,25,29,35,38,55,
59.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	MC Obs 1877, Spec. AMNH. 3M coll 1899. 6 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2007, 15 obs Mar 2007, P, 7 obs 2014,	12,13,22,25, 28,29,38,54, 25,55,
60.	Royal Parrot Finch	<i>Erythrura regia</i>	Res bre	P, 2000, C Dec 2004, Obs Mar 2007,	39,40,54,
61.	Black-headed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	Intro	Common Highlands. P. 1971.	1,12,25,29,
62.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs in mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs 2014,	12,25,29,38,55,
63.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre		

## 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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