

Maskelyne Islands Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
2.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus diminutus</i>	Res bre	P. between 2000 & 2006,	6,
3.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	Obs between 2002 & 2006,	6,
4.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegates</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	6,
5.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus i. incanus</i>	Sum mig	Common	1,
6.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	6,
7.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res	LC around these islands, Obs 2002 – 2006,	1,6,
8.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	Obs between 2002 & 2006,	6,
9.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	6,
10.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res	MC Nov 2004,	5,
11.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res	VC Nov 2004,	5,
12.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia spodiopygius</i>	Res?	P Nov 2004,	5,
13.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res?	P Nov 2004,	5,
14.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res	C Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	5,6,
15.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res	3 or 4 Nov 2004,	5,7,
16.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	6,
17.	Dark Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	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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