

# Tongoa Island Bird Checklist

**Vanuatu**

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| #   | Common Name             | Scientific Name                                  | Ecol. Status | Abundance   | References     |
|-----|-------------------------|--|--------------|---|----------------|
| 1.  | Audubon's Shearwater    | <i>Puffinus lherminieri gunax</i>                | Res          | 1 coll onshore 1897 Oslo Mus.,  | 1,             |
| 2.  | Red-footed Booby        | <i>Sula sula</i>                                 | Res          | 2 Ad 3 Juv Obs Sep 2014,  | 26,            |
| 3.  | Red-tailed Tropicbird   | <i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>                       | Res          | Nesting attempts have been made on beach,   | 1,             |
| 4.  | Eastern Reef Egret      | <i>Egretta sacra</i>                             | Res bre      | UC, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 1 obs 2014,   | 1,11,19,26,    |
| 5.  | Swamp Harrier           | <i>Circus a. approximans</i>                     | Res bre      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 11,19,         |
| 6.  | Peregrine Falcon        | <i>Falcon peregrinus nesiotis</i>                | Res bre      | Common – Uncommon   | 1,11,          |
| 7.  | Buff-banded Rail        | <i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>                  | Res bre      | Common, Obs. Between 2002 & 2006,   | 1,11,19,       |
| 8.  | Purple Swamphen         | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>             | Res bre      | P,  | 1,11,          |
| 9.  | Vanuatu Scrubfowl       | <i>Megapodius layardi</i>                        | Res bre      | 2 eggs coll. Dec. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 5,8,11,12,19,  |
| 10. | Red-bellied Fruit-Dove  | <i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>                         | Res bre      | Coll. 1920's, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs 2014,   | 11,18,19,26,   |
| 11. | Tanna Fruit Dove        | <i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>                      | End Vanu     | MC. 1M coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, M coll by Beck Jul 1926,   | 1,11,17,19,25, |
| 12. | Pacific Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>                        | Res bre      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 11,19,         |
| 13. | White-throated Pigeon   | <i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>               | Res bre      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 11,19,         |
| 14. | Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove | <i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i>                  | Res bre      | 2 skins examined. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 11,17,19,      |
| 15. | Pacific Emerald Dove    | <i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>                  | Res bre      | Common. 3 clutches coll. Aug/Sep. Obs between 2002 & 2006,  | 1,11,12,19,    |
| 16. | Coconut Lorikeet        | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>          | Res bre      | 2 clutches coll. Sep., Obs. between 2000 & 2006, F coll by Beck Jul 1926, 5 obs 2014,                       | 11,12,19,25,   |
| 17. | Palm Lorikeet           | <i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>                       | Res bre      | Fairly common   | 1,11,          |
| 18. | Eastern Barn Owl        | <i>Tyto javanica</i>                             | Res bre      | P,  | 11,            |
| 19. | Glossy Swiftlet         | <i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>          | Res bre      | C, 4 clutches coll. from Lg Fig Sep. M coll Jun 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3M? Skins AMNH, 3 obs 2014, | 1,11,12,15,    |
| 20. | Uniform Swiftlet        | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>                   | Res bre      | Spec. AMNH.   | 19,23,26,      |
| 21. | Collared Kingfisher     | <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>                      | Res bre      | Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 1 obs 2014,   | 9,11,          |
| 22. | Pacific Swallow         | <i>Hirundo tahitica subfuscata</i>               | Res bre      | Common  | 1,19,26,       |
| 23. | Polynesian Triller      | <i>Lalage maculosa</i>                           | Res bre      | Common  | 1,11,          |
| 24. | Long-tailed Triller     | <i>Lalage leucopyga</i>                          | Res bre      | Common 2 coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,  | 1,6,11,19,     |
| 25. | Island Thrush           | <i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>                      | Res bre      | P,  | 1,             |
| 26. | Grey Fantail            | <i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>            | Res bre      | 4 spec. AMNH Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs 2014,  | 1,10,11,19,21, |
| 27. | Streaked Fantail        | <i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>             | Res bre      | 4 spec. AMNH, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 26,            |
| 28. | Southern Shrikebill     | <i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i> | Res bre      | P,  | 1,10,11,19,21, |

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| 29. | Melanesian Flycatcher      | <i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>      | Res bre     | Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs 2014,                                     | 1,3,11,19,22,26   |
| 30. | Pacific Robin              | <i>Petroica multicolor ambrymensis</i> | Res bre     | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,   | 1,4,11,19,        |
| 31. | Common Golden Whistler     | <i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i> | Res bre     | Common  | 1,11,20,          |
| 32. | Yellow-fronted White-Eye   | <i>Zosterops flavifrons perplexa</i>   | End Vanuatu | 1 clutch coll. Dec. Coll. Jul 1926, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 5 obs 2014, | 1,11,12,16,19,26, |
| 33. | Silvereye                  | <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>             | Res bre     | 1 clutch coll. Sep. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                             | 1,11,12,19,       |
| 34. | Dark Brown Honeyeater      | <i>Lichmera incana</i>                 | Res bre     | 2 clutches coll. Aug/Sep. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 5 Obs 2014,           | 1,7,11,12,19,26   |
| 35. | White-bellied Honeyeater   | <i>Glyciphia notabilis</i>             | Res bre     | P,  | 1,                |
| 36. | Cardinal Myzomela          | <i>Myzomela cardinalis cardinalis</i>  | Res bre     | Spec. AMNH, Obs. between 2002 & 2007,                                     | 7,11,19,          |
| 37. | Royal Parrot-finch         | <i>Erythrura regia</i>                 | Res bre     | 20 spec 1926. 2 clutches coll. Aug/Sept., Obs. between 2000 & 2006,       | 1,5,11,12,19,     |
| 38. | White-breasted Woodswallow | <i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>    | Res bre     | P,  | 11,               |

## 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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