

Aru Islands Bird Checklist

Indonesia

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	Reference
1.	Southern Cassowary	<i>Casuarus casuarius</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
2.	Black-billed Brush-turkey	<i>Talegalla fuscirostris occidentis</i>	Res bre	P, C,	2,10,
3.	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius f. freycinet</i>	Res bre	MC in Lowlands.	10,12,
4.	Spotted Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna guttata</i>	Res	P,	2,
5.	White-headed Shelduck	<i>Tadorna radjah</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
6.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis doreya</i>	Res bre	3 spec. AMNH, Coll. by Webster 1896,	4,23,
7.	New Guinea Bronzewing	<i>Henicophaps albifrons schlegeli</i>	Res bre	C,	2,10,11,
8.	Cinnamon Ground Dove	<i>Gallicolumba rufigula helviventris</i>	Res bre	MC in Old forests	2,10,
9.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani stephani</i>	Res bre	C. Coll. by Webster 1896,	10,23,
10.	Pheasant Pigeon	<i>Otidiphaps nobilis aruensis</i>	Res bre	MC	2,10,
11.	Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus zonurus</i>	Res bre	MC.	2,10,
12.	Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>	Res bre	Near sea-level. < 300m, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,10,23,
13.	Wallace's Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus wallacii</i>	Res bre	In lowland forest. Coastal & Rivers. Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,7,9,10,11,23,
14.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
15.	Coroneted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus c. coronulatus</i>	Res bre	P, MC, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,9,23,
16.	Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus iozonus</i>	Res bre	P, MC, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,9,23,
17.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Res bre ?	Rec.	16,
18.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res	Coll. by Webster 1896,	23,
19.	Pinon Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon pinon</i>	Res bre	MC, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,9,23,
20.	Collared Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula müellerii</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
21.	Zoë Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>	Res bre	P, MC, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,10,23,
22.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res bre?	P, Coll. by Webster 1896,	7,10,23,
23.	Elegant Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula concinna separata (also = aru)</i>	Res bre	P, A small island specialist.	2,4,7,10,11,
24.	Marbled Frogmouth	<i>Podargus o. ocellatus</i>	Res bre	P.	2,10,
25.	Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>	Res bre	P, 6 spec.	2,6,10,
26.	Barred Owlet-Nightjar	<i>Aegotheles bennettii wallacii</i>	Res bre	P,	2,9,10,
27.	Spotted-eared Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus argus guttatus</i>	Res bre	P, Prob winter visitor to dry woodlands.	2,7,10,11,
28.	Mountain Eared-Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus archboldi</i>	Res bre	UC,	10,
28.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus aruensis</i>	Res bre	P,	11,
30.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea confirmata</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
31.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis granti</i>	Res	P, P,	10,20,
32.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Res	F skin in BM,	20,
33.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Vag	P,	2,
34.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
35.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	Res bre	Mod Common	2,
36.	Forest Bittern	<i>Zonerodius heliosylus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	2,10,
37.	Great-billed Heron	<i>Ardea sumatrana</i>	Res bre	P,	2,

38.	Striated Heron	<i>Ardeola striata</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
39.	Pied Heron	<i>Egretta picata</i>	Res	P,	2,
40.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonica caledonica</i>	Res bre	4 spec. AMNH, Coll. by Webster 1896,	5,23,
41.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res bre	P,	10,
42.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata stenozona</i>	Res bre	P. Coll. by Webster 1896,	10,11,23,
43.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
44.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliaeetus indus</i>	Res bre	MC, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,23,
45.	Long-tailed Buzzard	<i>Henicopernis longicauda</i>	Res	P,	2,10,
46.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster</i>	Res	P,	2,10,
47.	Grey-headed Goshawk	<i>Accipiter poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, MC, P,	2,10,11,
48.	Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, MC,	2,10,
49.	Gurney's Eagle	<i>Aquila gurneyi</i>	Res	P,	2,10,
50.	Australian Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroidescenchroides</i>	Win mig	1 rec.	2,10,
51.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Res	P,	2,
52.	Chestnut Rail	<i>Eulabeornis castaneoventris sharpei</i>	Res bre	P, Habitat = tidal mangroves.	2,7,10,11,
53.	Red-necked Rail	<i>Rallina t. tricolor</i>	Res bre	P, Shy. 1 st Desc from Aru.	2,10,11,
54.	Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	Win mig	Uncommon	2,10,
55.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Res bre	C.	10,
56.	Comb-crested Jacana	<i>Irediparra gallinacea novaeguineae</i>	Res bre	Mod Common	2,10,
57.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	Abundant	2,10,
58.	Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus intermedius</i>	Res bre	P, 5 spec. AMNH, M3F coll by Kühn & Webster, M > F,	2,3,11,24,
59.	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita triton</i>	Res bre	10 spec measured, 3 coll for Tring,	4,10,24,
60.	Greater Streaked Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta s. scintillata rubifrons</i>	Res bre	P, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,9,10,11,23,
61.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus nigrogularis brooki</i> from Spirit Is, (Aru Grp)	Res bre	P, Coll. by Webster 1896,	2,10,11,23,
62.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna p. placentis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
63.	Yellow-capped Pygmy-Parrot	<i>Micropsitta keiensis keiensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,9,10,
64.	Orange-breasted Fig-Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta gulielmiterti melanogenia</i>	Res bre	P, UC-R 4M3F at Tring coll. by Kühn & Webster,	2,9,10,24,
65.	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta d. diophthalma aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, R. Coll. by Webster 1896, Desc. of ssp.	2,10,11,23,24,
66.	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC, Lge series at Tring,	2,10,11,24,
67.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, Coll. by Webster 1896, 8M3F at Tring ssp descri.,	2,10,11,23,24,
68.	Greater Black Coucal	<i>Centropus menbeki aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, C.	2,10,
69.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis rufiventer & subcyanocephala</i>	Res bre/Win mig	R.	10,
70.	Black-eared Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites osculans</i>	Win mig	P, Rare VUC,	2,7,10,11,
71.	Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites basalis</i>	Win Vag	P, Rare vagrant.	2,10,
72.	Little Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chalcites minutillus poecilurus</i>	Win mig	MC	10,
73.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis prionurus</i>	Win mig	P, MC.	2,10,
74.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus variolosus infaustus & variolosus</i>	Res bre/Win Mig	MC.	10,
75.	Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus c. castaneiventris</i>	Res bre	P, MC.	2,10,
76.	Long-billed Cuckoo	<i>Rhamphomantis m. megarhynchus</i>	Res bre	Rare & local.	2,10,
77.	Rufous Owl	<i>Ninox rufa aruensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	2,10,11,
78.	Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azurea wallaceana</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
79.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus solitarius</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
80.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx p. pusilla</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
81.	Little Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanyiptera hydrocharis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,11,
82.	Spangled Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo tyro tryo</i>	Res bre	C, Coll. by Webster 1896,	10,11,13,23,

83.	Rufous-bellied Kingfisher	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>	Res bre	P, VC, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,9,10,23,
84.	Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro tentelare</i>	Res bre	P, C, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,10,11,23,
85.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus macleayii insularis</i>	Res/mig	P, 2 spec.	2,6,10,11,
86.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris sordida</i>	Res bre	P, UC.	2,10,11,
87.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta sancta</i>	Win mig	P,	10,
88.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	?	2,
89.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Win mig	P,	2,
90.	Blue-breasted Pitta	<i>Pitta erythrogastrer aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC in Forests and remnant forest, MC, Coll by Kühn,	2,7,10,19,24,
91.	Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta sordida goodfellowi</i>	Res bre	P, LMC-LC in forest, regrowth & remnant forests.	2,7,10,19,
92.	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Sum mig	Rare Inhabits large swamps with dead trees	7,
93.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	UC-LA near fresh water.	7,
94.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis hypoleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in forest edges, savanna, regrowth, littoral woodland	2,7,10,21,
				comments on ssp,	
95.	Stout-billed Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina c. caeruleogrisea</i>	Res bre	P, UC-LMC in & near forests regrowth and disturbed Habitat.	2,7,10,23,
				Coll by Webster 1896,	
96.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves	2,7,10,23,
				Coll by Webster 1896,	
97.	Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina melaena goodsoni</i>	Res bre	C in lowland rainforest & mangroves, MC at higher altitude.	2,7,10,
				MC.	
98.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela polygrammica</i>	Res	P, MC in rainforest. MC.	2,3,7,10,
99.	Oriental Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	Sum mig	Rare Spec 1969.	7,8,
100.	Wallace's Fairy-wren	<i>Sipodotus wallacii coronatus</i>	Res bre	P, MC in forests of foothills.	2,7,9,10,
					17,19,
101.	Emperor Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyanocephalus dohertyi</i>	Res bre	P, MC in patches of scrub along creeks and in forest breaks.	2,7,10,
102.	Rusty Mouse-warbler	<i>Crateroscelis murina monacha</i>	Res bre	P, C-VC in forests of Foothills and hills, sometimes lowlands.	2,7,10,
103.	Pale-billed Scrub-wren	<i>Sericornis spilodera aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC in hills >200m	2,7,10,
104.	Beccari's Scrub-wren	<i>Sericornis beccarii beccarii</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
105.	Yellow-bellied Gerygone	<i>Gerygone c. chrysogaster</i>	Res bre	P, MC-VC in lowland rainforests. MC.	2,7,10,
106.	Green-backed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone chloronotus aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, LMC or UC in lowland forest edges & disturbed forest or bush.	2,7,10,
107.	Fairy Gerygone	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa palpebrosa</i>	Res bre	P, C in hill forests, UC in lowland forests. C.	2,7,10,
108.	Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris brunneipectus</i>	Res bre	LC-VC in mangroves, swamps and other wet locations. C-VC	2,7,10,
109.	Sooty Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura threnothorax threnothorax</i>	Res bre	P, C-VC in swampy and dry habitats with dense shade	2,7,10,
110.	Black Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura maculipectus</i>	Res bre	P, UC-MC in dense shade close to ground. Very shy.	2,7,10,
111.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons henrici</i>	Res bre	P, Mainly in mangroves UC-C	2,7,10,
112.	Chestnut-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hyperythra hyperanthra</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in Forests < 1370m, MC.	2,7,10,
113.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>	Res bre	?	2,
114.	Mangrove Fantail	<i>Rhipidura phasiana</i>	Res bre	P.	18,
115.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m	7,18,
116.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens inornatus</i>	Res bre	P, MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens.	2,7,10,
117.	Spot-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha guttulus</i>	Res bre	P, C in Rainforest, monsoon forest & tall regrowth-quiet.	2,7,10,
118.	Golden Monarch	<i>Monarcha chrysomela aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in most forests < 700m, P,	2,7,10,19,
119.	Frilled Monarch	<i>Arses telescopthalmus aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, C in rainforest, monsoon forest & regrowth < 1100m, P,	2,7,10,19,
120.	Broad-billed Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ruficollis mimikae</i>	Res bre	UC sedentary in mangroves & forest edges.	7,10,
121.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto rufolateralis</i>	Res bre	P, UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub,	P, 2,10,15,19,
122.	Yellow-breasted Boatbill	<i>Machaerirhynchus flaviventer xanthogenys</i>	Res bre	P, MC in Rainforest, monsoon forest & regrowth. P,	2,7,10,19,
123.	Olive Flyrobin	<i>Microeca flavovirescens</i>	Res bre	P, MC-VC in rainforest & monsoon forest.	2,7,
124.	Mangrove Robin	<i>Eopsaltria pulverulenta</i>	Res bre	P, LMC.	2,7,

125.	Northern Scrub-robin	<i>Drymodes superciliaris</i>	Res bre	P, UC & difficult to find in forests.	2,7,
126.	Grey Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex griseiceps</i>	Res bre	P, C in lowlands. C.	2,7,10,
127.	Island Whistler	<i>Pachycephala phaionotus</i>	Res bre	P, Inhabits coastal vegetation.	2,7,10,
128.	Black-headed Whistler	<i>Pachycephala monacha monacha</i>	End + NG	C in small patches of trees and cleared areas. R.	7,10,
129.	Little Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha aruensis</i>	Res bre	C-A more often heard than seen in forest & regrowth C., ssp is olive above,	7,10,19,
130.	Variable Pitohui	<i>Pitohui kirhocephalus aruensis</i>	Res bre	Rare- VC in forests UC-C. Coll by Webster 1896,	2,7,10,19,23,
131.	Rusty Pitohui	<i>Pitohui ferrugineus brevipennis</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in all forests & regrowth, ssp has smaller wing,	2,7,10,19,
132.	Black Berrypecker	<i>Melanocharis nigra chloroptera</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
133.	Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum ignicolis</i>	Res bre	P, P.	2,7,10,
134.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia chlorocephala</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges.	7,10,
135.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C outside of forests	7,
136.	New Guinea White-eye	<i>Zosterops novaeguineae aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, LC at low elevations.	2,7,10,
137.	Lemon-bellied White-eye	<i>Zosterops chloris</i>	Res bre	P, A small island bird.	2,7,10,
138.	Long-billed Honeyeater	<i>Melilestes m. megarhynchus</i>	Res bre	P, Common but inconspicuous.	2,7,10,
139.	Yellow-bellied Longbill	<i>Toxorhamphus novaeguineae flaviventris</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
140.	Green-backed Honeyeater	<i>Glycichaera fallax poliocephala</i>	Res bre	P, mostly UC occasionally LC.	2,7,10,
141.	Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera indistincta nupta</i>	Res bre	P, UC.	2,7,10,
142.	Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura aruensis</i>	Res bre	LMC	2,7,10,
143.	Black Myzomela	<i>Myzomela nigrata nigrata</i>	Res bre	P, C.	2,9,10,
144.	Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala infuscata</i>	Res bre	LMC	7,10,
145.	Puff-backed Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga a. aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in Forest and tall regrowth < 1200m, MC.	2,7,10,
146.	Mimic Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga analoga longirostris</i>	Res bre	P, C in forest, regrowth & gardens.	2,7,10,
147.	Graceful Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga g. gracilis</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in shrubs and trees, C.	2,7,10,
148.	Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer saturator</i>	Res bre	P, Abundant & ubiquitous.	2,7,10,
149.	Streak-headed Honeyeater	<i>Pycnopygius stictocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, Uncommon & LC.	2,7,
150.	Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides aruensis</i>	Res bre	P, Common. Coll by Webster 1896,	2,7,10,23,
151.	Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C.	2,7,
152.	Rufous-banded Honeyeater	<i>Conopophila albogularis mimikae</i>	Res bre	LC,	2,10,
153.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	P, LC	2,7,
154.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis m. metallicus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC	7,10,
155.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino d. dumontii</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,7,10,23,
156.	Green Oriole	<i>Oriolus flavocinctus mulleri</i>	Res bre	P, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,10,23,
157.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus carbonarius</i>	Res bre	CU in Rain Gallery, Monsoon & Teak forests & mangroves. Coll by Webster 1896,	7,10,23,
158.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	P, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,7,23,
159.	Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus c. cassicus</i>	Res bre	C. Coll by Webster 1896,	7,10,23,
160.	Black Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus quoyi spaldingi</i>	Res bre	P, UC-MC, UC, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,7,10,23,
161.	Spotted Catbird	<i>Ailuroedus melanotis melanotis</i>	Res bre	P, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,10,23,
162.	Glossy-mantled Manucode	<i>Manucodia atra altera</i>	Res bre	P, Descr of Egg, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,22,23,
163.	Trumpet Manucode	<i>Manucodia keraudrenii jamesii</i>	Res bre	In lowlands, C,	2,10,15,
164.	King Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Cicinnurus r. regius</i>	Res bre	P, C, Coll by Webster 1896,	2,9,10,23,
165.	Greater Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea a. apoda</i>	Res bre	P, "Particularly on this island" F coll by Webster 1896,	2,9,10,14, 23,
166.	Brown-headed Crow	<i>Corvus f. fuscicapillus</i>	Res bre	P, Inhabits low forests & mangroves. Coll by Webster 1896,	2,7,10,23,

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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