

Biak (Misor) Island Bird Checklist

Geelvink Group, Indonesia.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	Reference
1.	Great-billed Heron	<i>Ardea sumatrana</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	4,
2.	New Guinea Harpy Eagle	<i>Harpyopsis novaeguineae</i>	Vag?	1 seen well 29 Nov 1996.	25,
3.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	Imm obs end Nov 1996.	25,
4.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster misoriensis</i>	Res	P,	2,11,25,
5.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Res bre	P,	11,
6.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Res	1 obs 5.4.2006,	26,
7.	Dusky Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius freycinet geelvinkianus</i>	Res bre	MC, 2 obs 5.4.2006, 3 obs 2011,	11,26,27,
8.	Bush Hen	<i>Amaurornis olivaceus mollucannus</i>	Res bre	MC	11,
9.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	P end Nov 1996,	25,
10.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	P end Nov 1996,	25,
11.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	1 obs on rocky shore near Wari 28 Nov 1996.	25,
12.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis speciosus</i>	Res bre	P, Lowland forests. C Jul 2008, Obs 5.4.2006,	4,5,11,24, 26,
13.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Res bre	C Jul 2008, Obs 5.4.2006,	24,26,
14.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis doreya</i>	Res bre	1 spec. AMNH, P end Nov 1996,	6,25,
15.	Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardtii brevis</i>	Res bre	MC & solitary.	11,
16.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica minima</i>	Res bre	P, MC, P,	4,11,25,
17.	Spice Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula myristicivora geelvinkiana</i>	Res bre	VC. 2+ obs 5.4.2006, Obs 2011,	11,26,27,
18.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor spilorrhoea</i>	Win mig	P,	11,
19.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	MC,	11,
20.	Victoria Crowned Pigeon	<i>Goura v. victoria</i>	Res bre	P,	4,11,
21.	Black-winged Lory	<i>Eos cyanogenia</i>	End Geelvink	P, C on coast. C Jul 2008, C Jun 2011,	4,7,11,24, 27,
22.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus rosenbergii</i>	Res bre	P, 2 coll Dec 1937, 6 collected by Doherty for Tring, P 2011,	11,13,20,23 27,
23.	Western Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius lory cyanauchen</i>	Res bre	P, MC, 3 coll for Tring, P nov 1996,	4,11,13,23, 25,
24.	Red-fronted Lory	<i>Charmosyna rubronotata kordoana</i>	Res bre	P, MC, Easy to find 6/7, 27 Nov 1996, 2+ obs 5.4.2006,	4,11,13,25, 26,
25.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentis ornata</i>	Res bre	P,	4,11,
26.	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Res bre	1 spec in Lit. P Nov 1996, Obs Jun 2011,	6,25,27,
27.	Geelvink Pygmy-Parrot	<i>Micropsitta geelvinkiana misoriensis</i>	End +Numfor	Found in lowland forest. 1 obs 5.4.2006, 5 obs 24/6/2011,	4,7,10,11, 13,26,27,
28.	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi mysorensis</i>	Res bre	MC, 2 coll. for Tring, P Jun 2011,	11,23,27,
29.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus biaki</i>	Res bre	P, F coll. by Doherty, P Nov 1996, P Jun 2011,	11,13,23,25 27,

30.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus chivae</i>	Res bre/Win Mig	MC. Heard 26-29 th Nov 1996, Heard Jun 2011,	11,25,27,
31.	Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis castaneiventris</i>	Res bre	2 obs 25.6.2011,	27,
32.	Little Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx minutillus misoriensis</i>	Win mig	MC	11,
33.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Win mig	P 25.6.2011,	27,
34.	Biak Coucal	<i>Centropus chalybeus</i>	End	Dwells in thick secondary regrowth. MC, MC to ear UC to eye Jul 2008, 2 obs Nov 1996, Heard 5.4.2006, Jun 2011,	7,11,24,25, 26,27,
35.	Moluccan Scops-Owl	<i>Otus magicus</i>	Res bre	P, In forests.	4,7,
36.	Beccari's Scops-Owl	<i>Otus beccarii</i>	Res bre	2 coll. 1 obs Jul 2008, Heard 24&25.6.2011,	11,13,24,27
37.	Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>	Res bre	P,	11,
38.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus yorki</i>	Res bre	P, Several on track Jul 2008, 1 obs 5.4.2006,	11,24,26,
39.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne m. mystacea</i>	Res bre	P, Obs 24.6.2011,	11,27,
40.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Res	P 24&25.6.2011,	27,
41.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis steini</i>	Res	P, P 24 & 25.6.2011,	11,27,
42.	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	sizeable groups coming through town 26 Nov 1996.	25.
43.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus solitarius</i>	Res bre	P, Coll,	11,19,
44.	Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azureus</i>	Res	P Nov 1996,	25,
45.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	Res	P 24.6.2011,	27,
46.	Biak Paradise Kingfisher	<i>Tanyiptera riedelii</i>	End	Inhabits deep forest. <8/day obs July 2008, 2+ obs 4.4.2006,	7,11,13,24, 26,
47.	Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro</i>	Res	Heard Nov 1996,	25,
48.	Rufous-bellied Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>	Res	Obs Nov 1996,	25,
49.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	Obs 24 & 25.6.2011	27,
50.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Win mig	P, Obs 24 & 25.6.2011,	4,27,
51.	Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta sordida rosenbergii</i>	Res bre	LMC-LC in forest, regrowth & remnant forests, P, 9 coll by Meyer & Bruijn, 3 obs 25.6.2011,	7,11,18,23, 27,
52.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	UC-LA near fresh water.	7,
53.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris meyerii</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves, P,	7,11,25,
54.	Grey-headed Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina schisticeps</i>	Res	5 obs Jun 2011,	27,
55.	Black-browed Triller	<i>Lalage a. atrovirens</i>	Res bre	P, Descr from here and Mysol, Obs Jun 2011,	4,11,18,27,
56.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela (atrovirens)</i>	Res	P,	3,
57.	Grey's Grasshopper-Warbler	<i>Locustella fasciolata</i>	Sum mig	LMC Oct-Apr in regrowth forests, & thickets.	7,
58.	Oriental Reed-Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	Sum mig	Rare Spec 1969.	7,8,
59.	Island Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trivirgatus misoriensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in large & small forest and their edges.	4,7,11,18,
60.	Emperor Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyanocephalus mysorensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC in patches of scrub along creeks and in forest breaks. Pr obs 5.4.2006,	4,7,11,18, 26,
61.	Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris hypoxantha</i>	Res bre	P, LC-VC in mangroves, swamps and other wet locations.	4,7,11,
62.	Biak Gerygone	<i>Gerygone hypoxantha</i>	End	3 records 1991-1994 though daily sightings Jun-Jul 2006, 2011,	15,18,27,
63.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris kordensis</i>	Res bre	MC-C in all forests, forest edges and regrowth of lowl. & hills	7,11,18,
64.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Res	Obs 24 & 25.6.2011,	27,
65.	White-bellied Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura leucothorax</i>	Res	10 obs 25.6.2011,	27,
66.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens geelvinkianus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens, P,	7,11,18,
67.	Biak Monarch	<i>Monarcha brehmii</i>	End + Supiori	P, Present in forest, Rare, Endangered, Heard Jun 2011,	4,7,11,17, 27,
68.	Golden Monarch	<i>Monarcha chrysomela kordensis</i>	Res bre	P, MC-C in most forests < 700m, P, Obs 5.4.2006, Obs Jun 2011,	4,7,11,18, 26,27,
69.	Rufous Monarch	<i>Monarcha rubiensis</i>	Res	Obs Jun 2011,	27,

70.	Biak Black Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra a. atra</i>	End + Numfor	1 spec from Rani Isl. Inhabits open forest , P, 2+ obs 5.4.2006, 4,7,11,18, 2 obs +3 heard Jun 2011, 26,27,
71.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub 2,4,7,11,14, F have very dark chestnut backs & M variable, Obs Jun 2011, 27,
72.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Res	P Nov 1996, 25,
73.	Little Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha melanorhyncha</i>	Res bre	C-A more often heard than seen in forest & regrowth C. 7,11,
74.	Olive-crowned Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pectorale</i>	Res bre	MC-C but inconspicuous. 7,
75.	Red-capped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum mysorensis</i>	Res bre	MC, C Jun 2011, 11,27,
76.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia mysorensis</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges. P Nov 1996, Obs Jun 2011 7,10,11,25, 27,
77.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C outside of forests, Obs Jun 2011, 7,27,
78.	Biak White-eye	<i>Zosterops mysorensis</i>	End	P, Inhabits forest & regrowth . No eye ring. 5+ obs Jun 2011, 4,7,11,27,
79.	Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura rubrobrunnea</i>	Res bre	P, LMC, 3 obs Jun 2011, 4,7,11,27,
80.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	3 Jan 1994 M & 2F carrying food presume nesting at airport, 21,
81.	Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Intro	Obs by Margaret Cameron Aug 1995, 5 obs May 1989, Obs Jun 2011, 21,22,27,
82.	Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus aurigaster</i>	Intro/Escap	3 obs 28 Jan 1995, 21,
83.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus inornata</i>	Res bre	MC-VC C. P Nov 1996, Obs Jun 2011, 7,11,25,27,
84.	Long-tailed Starling	<i>Aplornis magna magna</i>	End + Numfor	Found in forest edge, tall regrowth and lowland gardens . Easy, 7,11,25,26, 4+ obs 4/5.4.2006, Obs Jun 2011,
85.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>	Pos Intro	Possibly introduced, 7,
86.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus carbonarius</i>	Res bre	CU in Rain Gallery, Monsoon & Teak forests & mangroves, C, 7,11,25,27, P Nov 1996, Obs Jun 2011,
87.	Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus cassicus</i>	Res bre	Riverine Forest C. P Nov 1996, 3 obs Jun 2011, 7,11,25,27,
88.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru orru & salvadori</i>	Res bre	C. P Nov 1996, 7,11,25,

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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