

# Buka Island Systematic Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Beck's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma becki</i> (no ssp)	Res	1 coll. by Hamlin to N at 155e and 3s 6.1.1928	21,
2.	Providence Petrel	<i>Pterodroma solandri</i>	Vag	1 obs 17 km offshore 4.8.2003,	32,
3.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Puffinus leucomelas</i> (no ssp)	Win Mig	1+ rec.	8,3,18,28,
4.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna p. pacificus or royanus?</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	P,	3,28,
5.	Heinroth's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus heinrothi</i> (no ssp)	Prob bre	Uncommon	1,3,28,
6.	Matsudaira's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma matsudairae</i>	Win Vis?	12 moulting Ads off W coast 3.8.2007,	32,
7.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res Bre	3 rec. MC, 1000+ Buka Passage 2000 & 2002, 40 seen 14.9.01	8,4,21,22,
8.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor peninsulae or palmerstoni?</i>	Vag	Dozens seen each day Sep 2006, P Aug 1999,	24,28,29,
9.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata?</i>	Res	UC, Male with Lesser 14.9.01,	21,22,28,
10.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res	1 rec	28,
11.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	UC	21,28,
12.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i> (no ssp)	Res	P,	21,28,29,
13.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta i. intermedia</i>	Vagrant	uncommon 10 at Kessa Pen. 16.9.1980.	2,21,
14.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Vag	P, 1 at airstrip 3 months 2001, Also Kessa, 1 on field Kuri Lodge 14.9.2001,	2,21,22,
15.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta nigripes</i>	Res bre	22 Grey: 2 white, Malalu Is, & Buka Passage. C, 1 seen 13.9.2001, P Aug 1999, few obs Jun 2007,	2,16,21,22, 29,31,
16.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vag	4 on Kessa Jul 1979.	21,28,
17.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides (Ardeola) striatus solomonensis</i>	Vag	P,	2,21,
18.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, In mangroves and low rivers, P Aug 1999,	2,21,29,
19.	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus peregrinus</i>	Res bre?	P, No mention of it being here but surely present.	2,21,
20.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Vag	2 at airport 3 months 2001. 2 imm 14.9.2001,	21,22,28,
21.	Pacific Baza	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res Bre	P, 1 seen Sep, 2006, 1 obs Aug 1999, 1 obs Jun 2007,	2,24,29,31,
22.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,
23.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> (no ssp)	Res Bre	P, 1 at Buka Passage, Kept as pets on Pororan Atoll on W coast	1,2,4,21,29,
24.	Solomons Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i> (no ssp)	Res Bre	Seen each day Aug 1999.	2,28,
25.	Pied Goshawk	<i>Accipiter albogularis woodfordi</i>	Res Bre	P, Present, 2 seen 13.9.2001, 3 obs Aug 1999, 1 obs Jan 2002,	2,21,22,29,30,
26.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae bougainvillei</i>	End Sol.	1 obs at Kuri Lodge Jun 2007,	31,
27.	Meyer's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter meyerianus</i> (no ssp)	Res Sol.	P, 1 seen Sep 2006, 1 perched on runway marker each day Aug 1999, 1 obs Jan 2002, 1 obs Jun 2007,	2,3,24,29,30,
28.	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus papuanus</i>	Res Bre	P, On tallest trees in town Aug 1999,	31,
			Vag	P, 1 record.	2,21,28,
			Sum mig	P, Occasionally recorded,	2,21,

29.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	MC on offshore Isles, breeds in burrows near rotting roots Buka	2,19,21,
30.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res Bre	P, 1 obs Aug 1999,	2,29,
31.	Woodford's Rail	<i>Nesoclopeus woodfordi (no ssp)</i>	End Sol	believed C in long grass areas, 2 obs Jun 2007,	3,21,31,
32.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus leucophrys</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,
33.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
34.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,
35.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	Small group at Kessa in March.	2,21,28,
36.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	2 Buka Passage, P Aug 1999,	4,28,29,
37.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius m. mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	P,	4,28,
38.	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P, P Aug 1999,	21,28,29,
39.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,28,
40.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	P, P Aug 1999,	21,28,29,
41.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum Mig	2 Buka Passage, P Aug 1999,	4,21,28,29,
42.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P, P Aug 1999,	21,28,29,
43.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,28,
44.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	Obs at airport ponds	21,28,
45.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	Around ponds at airport.	21,28,
46.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	4 seen at Kuri 13.9.2001 1 seen 13.9.2001, P Aug 1999,	21,22,28,29,
47.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,28,
48.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponicabaueri</i>	Sum Mig	P,	6,21,28,
49.	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa melanuroides</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,
50.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P,	7,21,28,
51.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,28,
52.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,28,
53.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sum Mig	P,	21,
54.	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum (no ssp)</i>	Sum Mig	1 on airstrip June .	21,28,
55.	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus (no ssp)</i>	Spr/Aut mig	1 prob rec. Jan 1998	14,28,
56.	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus (no ssp)</i>	Vag	Alaskan bird radiotracked 40-50km off E coast Dec 06, 1 other	27,28,
				off W coast Nov 06,	
57.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i>	Sum Mig	1 offshore	4,21,28,
58.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res	P,	5,21,28,
59.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res	at sea, Flocks offshore 28.12.1927- Hamlin,	4,21,28,
60.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	at sea	4,21,28,
61.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	at sea, 18 flew by on sunset at Kuri 13.9.2001, P Aug 1999,	4,21,22,28,29,
62.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis torresii</i>	Res	P,	5,28,
63.	Grey-backed (Spectacled) Tern	<i>Onychoprion lunata (no ssp)</i>	Vag	1 rec at sea.	4,8,21,28,
64.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons sinensis?</i>	Res	P,	21,28,
65.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	P,	21,28,
66.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res	At sea, 50 off W coast,	4,21,28,
67.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res	P,	2,21,28,
68.	Crested Cuckoo-dove	<i>Reinwardtoena crassirostris</i>	End Sol.	P,	3,
69.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res Bre	C in forest, clearings, gardens, regrowth <1500m	2,21,
70.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani murtoni</i>	Res Bre	P,	21,
71.	Superb Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res Bre	P, C in lowland forest & regrowth,	2,21,
72.	Claret-breasted Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisi</i>	Res Bre	P, 1 obs Aug 1999,	2,21,29,
73.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera rufigula</i>	Res Bre	P, C in forest edges and regrowth, sev obs Aug 1999,	2,21,29,

74.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res Bre	P, 8 seen 13.9.2001, 3 on 14.9.2001, Flew over from Boug each day Aug 1999.	2,21,22,29,
75.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis (no ssp)</i>	Res Bre	P, C in forests, regrowth, coconuts, and gardens, 21 on 13.9.2001, Seen Sep 2006, VC Aug 1999, C Jun 2007,	2,21,22,24,29, 31,
76.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res Bre	P, C, Hundreds seen late afternoon flying from Bougainville, P Aug 1999, Seen Sep 2006,	2,21,29, 24,
77.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentis pallidior</i>	Res Bre	P, Lowland forest, coconuts & regrowth,	2,21,
78.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua ducorpsi (no ssp)</i>	End Sol.	P, C in all habitats, 2 seen 13.9.2001, Seen Sep 2006, Flying over in 1 & 2's Aug 1999,	2,3,21,22,24, 29,
79.	Finsch's Pygmy-parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschii nanina</i>	Res Bre	P, Small nos Jan 2002,	2,21,30,
80.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Res Bre	P, M seen 13.9.2001, P Aug 1999,	2,21,22,29,
81.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	Res Bre	P, 2 seen 13.9.2001, P Aug 1999,	2,21,22,29,
82.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus ssp?</i>	Sum Mig	1 obs,	21,
83.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus variolosus addendus?</i>	Red Bre	P,	21,
84.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites lucidus</i>	Win mig	1 obs Jun 2007,	31,
85.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>	Res Bre	P, 1 heard 15 Jan 1998.	2,14,21,
86.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis (no ssp)</i>	Win Mig	Heard 31 Oct and 1 Nov 2001,	21,
87.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica crassirostris</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,21,
88.	Fearful Owl	<i>Nesasio solomonensis (no ssp)</i>	Res Bre	P,	21,
89.	Solomons Boobook	<i>Ninox jacquinoti eichhorni</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,21,
90.	Solomon Islands Frogmouth	<i>Rigidipenna inexpectatus</i>	Res Bre	P,	21,23,
91.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i>	Res Bre	P, 6 seen 13.9.2001,	2,21,22,
92.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,21,
93.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius reichenowi</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,21,
94.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta tametamele</i>	Res Bre	P, P Aug 1999,	2,21,29,
95.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris alberti</i>	Res Bre	P, Common from coastal mangroves to any open areas,	2,21,
96.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Res Bre?	C Mar – Sep/Oct, though 1 or 2 may remain, 2 seen 14.9.2001, P Aug 1999,	2,21,22, 29,
97.	Ultramarine Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus(Halcyon) leucopygius</i>	End Sol.	P,C in open country, trees in swamps and along roads, in pairs, 3 pairs Jan 2002,	2,3,21,30,
98.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Red bre	P, 2 seen 13.9.2001 at Kuri, Pr seen near Skotlan Aug 1999,	2,21,22,29,
99.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus meeki</i>	Res Bre	P,	1,2,9,21,
100.	Little (Mangrove) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla bougainvillei</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,21,
101.	Common (River) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis salomonensis</i>	Res Bre	P,	2,21,
102.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i>	Win Mig	P,	2,21,
103.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus harterti</i>	Res Bre	P, P Aug 1999,	1,2,10,21,29,
104.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res?	UC-LA near fresh water. 7 seen 13.9.2001, P Aug 1999,	1,2,17,21,22,29,
105.	Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo n. nigricans</i>	Win mig	P,	21,
106.	Black-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina h. holopolia</i>	Res Bre	P,	1,2,
107.	Barred Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina lineata nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	P, LMC in forest tall regrowth and partly cleared forest. F Jun Obs Jun 2007,	2,17,21,31,
108.	Grey-capped Cicadabird	<i>Coracina remota</i>	Res bre	P, UC in forest, gardens, savanna & mangroves, MC,	2,17,21,
109.	Solomon Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina h. holopolia</i>	Res Bre	P, c 4 coll. Inhabits forests & forest edges of lowlands	2,11,17,21,
110.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuana perpallida</i>	Res Bre	P, C-VC in forest edges, savanna, regrowth, littoral woodland P Aug 1999,	2,17,21,24, 29,

111.	North Melanesian Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina welchmani</i>	Res bre	P, UC in forest, forest edges & coastal plain,	2,21,33,
112.	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus sumbae</i>	Res Bre	P, LC-LA in reed beds and tall grass.	2,17,21,26,
113.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons commoda</i>	Res Bre	P, ? spec. AMNH UC-C in mangroves and forest.	2,13,17,21,
114.	White-winged Fantail	<i>Rhipidura Cockerelli septentrionalis</i>	End Sol.	P, MC-C Primary and tall regrowth < 1000m, 2 obs Aug 1999,	1,2,3,13,17, 21,29,
115.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res Bre	P,C-VC in open woodland and cleared areas, 2 seen 13.9.2001,	1,2,17,21, 22,29,
116.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res Bre	P, On small islets offshore.	2,21,25,
117.	Chestnut-bellied Monarch	<i>Monarcha castaneiventris ssp?</i>	End Sol Arch	C-VC <1300m.	17,
118.	Bougainville Monarch	<i>Monarcha erythrostickus (no ssp)</i>	End + Boug.	P, C and obvious with a wide range of calls, 1 obs Jan 2002,	2,21,30,
119.	Black & White Monarch	<i>Monarcha b, barbatus</i>	End Solomons	C-VC in prim forest & tall regrowth 250-1000m. P Jan 2002,	2,17,21,25,30,
120.	Steel-Blue Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ferrocyanea cinerea</i>	End Sol	MC-C in wide range of habitats. Including partly cleared areas,	2,3,17,21,25, 29,31,
121.	Oriole (Yellow-throated) Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala orioloides</i>	Res Bre	P, In forests & regrowth.	2,17,21,
122.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res Bre islets	P, in forest, scrub & mangroves.	2,17,21,
	[Bougainville Whistler	<i>Pachycephala bougainvillea</i>	Res Bre		1, ]
123.	Midget Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum a. aeneum</i>	End Sol.	P, C-A. VC in lower forest & undergrowth, 2 obs Aug 1999,	2,3,17,21,29, 31,
				P Jan 2002, 3 obs Jun 2007,	
124.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res Bre	P, MC-C outside forests. VC in open areas, Seen Sep 2006,	1,2,17,21,24, 29,
125.	Yellow-throated White-eye	<i>Zosterops metcalfi metcalfi</i>	Res Bre	P, C-A. 2M3F Coll. 1928. VC in undergrowth & small trees,	2,17,20,21, 29,31,
126.	Scarlet-naped Myzomela	<i>Myzomela lefargei (no ssp)</i>	End Sol.	P,MC-C in Forest, Regrowth, Coconuts & mangroves. C except	1,2,3,12, in locales sunbirds inhabit, 1 obs Jan 2002, 1 obs Jun 2007,
127.	Bismarck Munia	<i>Lonchura melaena bukaensis</i>	End NB&Buka	Small flocks near airstrip + poss other areas, Searches 1999-	2,15,17,21, have failed to find any: presumed extinct,
128.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides (no ssp)</i>	Res Bre	P, LC. 10 seen 14.9.2001, Seen Sep 2006,	1,2,17,21,24, 22,
129.	Brown-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis g. grandis</i>	Res Bre	P, 4 coll. C in lowlands, Seen Sep 2006, Sev obs Aug 1999,	2,11,17,21,24, 29,31,
130.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica nitida</i>	Res Bre	P, MC-VC, Seen Sep 2006,	2,17,21,24,
131.	Melanesian Myna	<i>Mino kreffii</i>	Res Bre	P, MC-C, 3 seen 13.9.2001 call different to NG calls, MC Jun	2,17,21,22,31, 2007,
132.	Bougainville Crow	<i>Corvus meeki</i>	End + Boug	P, MC in Hills, C, UC Aug 1999, Small nos Jan 2002,	2,3,21,29,30,

## 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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