

# Crown Island Bird Checklist

## Vitiaz-Dampier Straits, PNG

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| #   | Common Name               | Scientific Name                                    | Ecol. Status | Abundance   | References |
|-----|---------------------------|--|--------------|---|------------|
| 1.  | Matsudaira's Storm-Petrel | <i>Oceanodroma matsudairae</i> (no ssp)            | Mig Spr/Aut  | 2 obs 27 km NE 1.8.2007,                              | 6,         |
| 2.  | Eastern Reef Egret        | <i>Egretta s. sacra</i>                            | Res          | P,  | 1,         |
| 3.  | Rufous Night Heron        | <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i> ssp?                 | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 4.  | Brahminy Kite             | <i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>                   | Res          | P,  | 1,         |
| 5.  | White-bellied Sea-eagle   | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> (no ssp)             | Res?         | P,  | 1,         |
| 6.  | Eastern Osprey            | <i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>              | Res          | P,  | 1,         |
| 7.  | Beach Thick-knee          | <i>Esacus magnirostris</i> (no ssp)                | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 8.  | Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove   | <i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>                | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 9.  | Bronze Ground-Dove        | <i>Gallicolumba beccarii</i>                       | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 10. | Red-knobbed Fruit-Dove    | <i>Ptilinopus i. insolitus</i>                     | End Bis      | P,  | 1,         |
| 11. | Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove  | <i>Ptilinopus solomonensis meyeri</i>              | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 12. | Island Imperial Pigeon    | <i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>             | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 13. | Pied Imperial Pigeon      | <i>Ducula bicolor subflavescens</i>                | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 14. | Nicobar Pigeon            | <i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>                      | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 15. | Rainbow Lorikeet          | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>            | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 16. | Red-flanked Lorikeet      | <i>Charmosyna placentis pallidior</i>              | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 17. | Uniform Swiftlet          | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis pallens</i>             | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 18. | Sacred Kingfisher         | <i>Todiramphus s. sancta</i>                       | Win Mig      | P,  | 1,         |
| 19. | Beach Kingfisher          | <i>Todiramphus s. saurophaga</i>                   | Res bre      | P,  | 1,         |
| 20. | Hooded Pitta              | <i>Pitta sordida novaeguineae</i>                  | Res bre      | P, LMC-LC in forest, regrowth & remnant forests.      | 1,3,       |
| 21. | Pacific Swallow           | <i>Hirundo tahitica frontalis</i>                  | Res?         | P, UC-LA near fresh water.                            | 1,3,       |
| 22. | Island Monarch            | <i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens/nigrirostris</i> | Res bre      | P, MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens. | 1,3,5,     |
| 23. | Mangrove Golden Whistler  | <i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>                 | Res bre      | P, Sole whistler on island                            | 1,2,       |
| 24. | Ebony Myzomela            | <i>Myzomela pammelaena nigerrima</i>               | Res bre      | P, Common sea-level to summit. MC-A most Habitats     | 1,2,3,     |
| 25. | Scarlet-bibbed Myzomela   | <i>Myzomela sclateri</i> (no ssp)                  | Res bre      | P, Common sea-level to summit MC-C in forest          | 1,2,3,     |
| 26. | Yellow-bellied Sunbird    | <i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>            | Res bre      | P, MC-C outside forests                               | 1,3,       |
| 27. | Louisiades White-eye      | <i>Zosterops griseotinctus eichhorni</i>           | Res bre      | P,  | 1,3,       |
| 28. | Blue-faced Parrot-Finch   | <i>Erythrura trichroa sigillifera</i>              | Res bre      | P, Coll at 390m 1972, UC-C & Secretive                | 1,2,3,     |
| 29. | Singing Starling          | <i>Aplornis c. cantoroides</i>                     | Res bre      | P, LC   | 1,3,       |
| 30. | Metallic Starling         | <i>Aplornis metallica nitida</i>                   | Res bre      | P, MC-VC  | 1,3,       |

### 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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