

Daru Island Bird Checklist

Torres Strait, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Res	20 over mangroves 22.10.1978.	29.
2.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Res	C around airstrip & in mangroves 1978.	29.
3.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Res	4 obs in mangroves 30.10.1978.	29.
4.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	Common	18,
5.	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	?	1 kept in local village, source unknown 1978.	29.
6.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	1 spec AMNH. 1 on airstrip 25 Jan 1978 & C on Warrior Reef	2,27,29,
7.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia plumifera</i>	?	1 at airport 5 Aug 2005. At airstrip & in school garden 30 Jan 1978 & onwards.	22,27,29,
8.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	?	1 obs in mangroves 18 Mar 1978.	29.
9.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Vag	Occasional visitor 1978.	29.
10.	Pied Heron	<i>Egretta picata</i>	Vag	6 on Rugby posts 12 Apr 1978.	29.
11.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	?	1 on flooded sports field 29 Apr 1978.	29.
12.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus macrorhynchus</i>	Res bre	C Dec 76- Jan 77, 3 obs in mangroves 10 Sep 1978,	9,27,29,
13.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Res	Often seen fishing offshore 1978,	29,
14.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> (no ssp)	Res	Imm 5.8.05, Often obs over roads, offshore and over harbour 1979.	22,27,29,
15.	Gurney's Eagle	<i>Aquila gurneyi</i> (no ssp)	Res	Pr near airfield.	12,16,
16.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	Res bre	1 on airstrip 5.8.05, Obs Jul, Pair in Sep Oct 1978,	22,27,29,
17.	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i> (no ssp)	?	1 over town 5.8.05,	22,27,
18.	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus wahgiensis</i>	Vag	Rare 1 st rec. 5.11.1970.	5,27,
19.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus dogwa</i>	?	P Oct 94,	14,27,
20.	Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides cenchroides/baru?</i>	?	2 on 5.8.05, 1 on 7 May 1978,	15,22,27,29,
21.	Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	?	1 nr airstrip for last week Oct 1978,	29,
22.	Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i> (no ssp)	Vag	1 rec.	19,27,
23.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus m. miles</i>	Res bre	C on airstrip and town lawns. P in Dec 1943. 18 5.8.05,	9,20,22,27,29,
24.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	P Oct 1994, Sev. 14.9.43. P 24 Oct 1978,	10,14,20,27,29,
25.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius m. mongolus</i>	Sum mig	C Dec 76- Jan 77, Sev. Sep 1943. P on airstrip 30 Jan 1978,	9,20,27,29,
26.	Large Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	C Dec 76- Jan 77, P on airstrip 20 Nov 1978,	9,10,27,29,
27.	Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	4 at airfield 10 Oct 1980. P on airstrip 30 Sep 1978,	11,27,29,
28.	Red-kneed Dotterel	<i>Erythronyx cinctus</i>	Sum mig	1 at airfield 22 Oct 1978,	29.
29.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum mig	2 and 4 seen Oct 1975. 1 on airstrip 22 Oct 1978,	8,10,27,29,
30.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	C Dec 76- Jan 77, Sev in mangroves 10 Sep 1978,	9,27,29,
31.	Little Whimbrel (Curlew)	<i>Numenius minutes</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	P 7th Oct 1994. Sev. Sep 1943. Sev. 3 Apr 1978,	14,20,27,29,
32.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	1 on shore 2 Feb, 10 flew over town 19 Mar 1 in mangroves 30 Oct 1978.	29,

33.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	P 1994, 2 on shore c. other waders 2 Feb 1978,	14,27,29,
34.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	1 on shore 2 Feb 1978,	29,
35.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 7 Jul, 12 Aug, 7 Dec 1978,	29,
36.	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Sum mig	1 in mangroves 10. Sep 1978,	29,
37.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	P, 6 on mudflats 2 Feb, in mangroves 30 Oct 1978,	10,27,29,
38.	Australian Pratincole	<i>Siltia Isabella</i> (no ssp)	Win mig	Flock nearly collided with plane. At airport. 11 near airport Small number through winter of 1978, sev after 3 days of rain 29 Apr 1978.	11,13,14,22,27, 29,
39.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	?		29.
40.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Sum mig	P,	10,27,
41.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	P, C on airstrip over summer of 1978, sev. Sep 1943. On airstrip 22 Oct 1978,	10,27,29, 20,27,29,
42.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig		29,
43.	Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	Sum mig	1 obs on shore 2 Feb 1978,	29,
44.	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Sum mig	1 obs on shore 2 Feb 1978,	29,
45.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sum mig	C on shore 2 Feb 1978,	29,
46.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	sev. in mangroves 10 Sep 1978,	29,
47.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	2 obs 29 Apr 1978 after storm,	29,
48.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res?	1 obs 22 Oct 1978,	29,
49.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res?	3 fishing off harbour 23 Feb 1978,	29,
50.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Res	3 taking locusts on airstrip 7 Oct 1978,	29,
51.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae forsteri</i>	Vag.	1 rec, P Oct 1965,	3,26,27,
52.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i>	Sum mig	Abundant, Flock 7 Oct 1994. 2 in harbour 30 Apr 1978 cooked 2 days later.	14,27,
53.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res?	2 in mangroves 10 Sep 1978,	29,
54.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res?	Obs in harbour 23 Feb 1978,	29,
55.	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> (no ssp)	Aut/Spr mig	Fairly common on reef 12 miles to Sth. 21 Apr 1936.	6,18,27,
56.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	Res	obs near airstrip 18 Feb 1978,	29.
57.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res	<4 obs 3x Oct 1978,	29,
58.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus r. regina?</i>	Res bre	P, Only NG rec	3,18,21,27,
59.	Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i> (no ssp)	Res bre	Mod Common. 5 near airstrip 5.8.05,	9,22,27,
60.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res bre	MC	18,
61.	Collared Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula m. muellerii</i>	Res bre	Mod Common.	9,27,
62.	Torresian Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhoa</i>	Aut/Spr mig	3 obs in mangroves 30 Oct 1978,	29,
63.	Bar-shouldered Dove.	<i>Geopelia humeralis gregalis</i>	Res bre	Common. 10 in woodland near airport Aug 05, 1 obs 3x 27th Sep -30 Oct 1978,	9,22,27,29,
64.	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Intro	P Oct 1994,	14,
65.	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita triton</i>	Res bre	Spec. AMNH, Obs 18 Sep 1978,	4,27,29,
66.	Orange-breasted Fig-parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta guliemiterti</i>	Res?	3 in mangroves 30 Oct 1978,	29,
67.	Double-eyed Fig-parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diopthalma</i>	Res	obs sev times crossing island at speed eg 15 Oct 1978,	29,
68.	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>	Res	Obs in garden 1 Sep 1978,	29,
69.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Aut/Spr mig	Heard 1978,	29,
70.	Southern Boobook	<i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>	Res?	Obs being attacked by Drongo 1978,	29,
71.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i> (no ssp)	Win mig	1 obs. Sep 1974, Par ob 23 Oct 1978,	7,27,29,
72.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Vag/Res?	Sev obs. 1 Oct 1978,	29,
73.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla</i>	Res?	Obs in mangroves 10 Sep 1978,	29,
74.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus m. macleayii</i>	?	Sev. Obs. 2 in mangroves 10 Sep 1978,	20,29,
75.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i>	Res?	Obs 2x incl 18 Mar 1978,	29,

76.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>	Aut'Spr mig	Obs 10 Sep 1978,	29,
77.	Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>	Res?	1 obs 8 Apr 1978,	29,
78.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i> (no ssp)	Win mig	3,11,29, seen 5.8.05, MC Mar 1978,	22,27,29,
79.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Aut/Spr mig?	Obs 22 Oct 1978,	29,
80.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus</i>	Vag?	A tame one that interacted with cyclists obs Feb onwards 1978,	29,
81.	Noisy Pitta	<i>Pitta versicolor</i> <i>simillima</i>	Win mig	1 spec Jun/Jul 1936. P in Dense woodland, mangroves and gallery woodland.	16,27,
82.	Australasian Lark	<i>Mirafra javanica</i>	Res?	Obs on airstrip 1978.	29,
83.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res	Obs 24 Jul 1978,	29,
84.	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i> <i>japonica?</i>	Sum mig	1 seen Jan 1985. Dec 1984.	12,17,27,
85.	Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon n. nigricans</i>	Win mig	Obs Sep 1943, Obs Jan-Mar & 30 Oct 1978,	20,29,
86.	Australasian Pipit	<i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>	Res?	Obs on airstrip 1978,	29,
87.	Boyer's Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina boyeri</i> <i>subalaris</i>	Res bre	C in lowland forests, clearings, regrowth & mangroves, P, Obs 1978,	7,27,28,29,
88.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i> <i>aruensis?</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves	7,27,
89.	Black Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina m. melaena</i> or <i>meeki</i>	Res bre	C in lowland rainforest & mangroves, MC at higher altitude,	P, 16,27,28,
90.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i> <i>didimus</i> or <i>melanops</i>	Red/Mig?	4 on 5.8.2005, 1-12 birds obs 10 Sep – 22 Oct 1978,	22,27,29,
91.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Res?	Obs Apr & Dec 1978,	29.
92.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomelayorki</i> or <i>polygrammica</i>	Res bre	MC in rainforests.	16,27,
93.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i> <i>diminutus</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m. All months. 2 on edge of town 5.8.05, Obs 15 Feb 1978,	9,16,20,22,24, 29,
94.	Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i> <i>mimikae</i>	Res bre	LC-VC in mangroves, swamps and other wet locations.	16,27,
95.	Mangrove Gerygone	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i> <i>pallida</i>	Res bre	UC-LMC in low mangroves, Heard in forest edge 5.8.05,	11,16,22,27,25,
96.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i> <i>melaleuca</i>	Res bre	P, Obs all 1978 – call v different to that of highlands bird.	20,23,29,
97.	Black Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura maculipectus</i> <i>mimika</i>	Res bre	UC-MC in dense shade close to ground.	16,27,
98.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i> <i>vidua</i>	Res bre	MC-C in all forests, forest edges and regrowth of lowl. & hills	16,27,
99.	Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha m. melanopsis</i>	Win mig	MC in most forests and regrowth.	16,27,
100.	Black-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha frater</i>	Res	Obs 1978,	29,
101.	Broad-billed Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ruficollis</i> <i>mimikae</i>	Res bre	UC sedentary in mangroves & forest edges.	16,18,
102.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i> <i>wardelli/nitidus</i>	Res bre	UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub, P, Obs 24 Jul 1978,	16,24,25,29,
103.	Lemon-bellied Flyrobin	<i>Microeca flavigaster</i>	Res?	Obs freq in savannah by airstrip 1978,	29,
104.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i> <i>dahli</i>	Res bre	LC in mangroves, forest and scrub.	16,27,
105.	Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura</i> <i>munna</i> or <i>fumata</i>	Res bre	LMC	16,27,
106.	Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i> <i>infuscata</i>	Res bre	LMC, M obs 10 Sep 1978,	16,27,29,
107.	Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer</i> <i>tararae</i>	Res bre	A. & ubiquitous.	16,27,
108.	Rufous-banded Honeyeater	<i>Conopophila albogularis</i>	Res	Noisy group obs nr school 16 Dec 1978,	29.
109.	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus v. versicolor</i>	Res bre	P, MC-VC.	3,16,27,
110.	Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i> (no ssp)	Res bre	MC-C.	16,27,
111.	Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides</i> <i>brevipennis</i>	Res bre	Common. 2 seen near airport 5.8.05. VC 1978,	9,16,22,27,29,
112.	Little Friarbird	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	Res?	Sev c Helmeted Friar 22 Oct 1978,	29,
113.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i> <i>frenata</i>	Res bre	MC-C mostly outside of forests. F in town, 2 or 3 obs Mar & Aug 1978,	16,22,27,29,
114.	Olive-crowned Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pectorale</i> <i>ssp?</i>	Res bre	MC-C but inconspicuous.	9,16,27,
115.	Red-capped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum geelvinkianum</i> <i>rubigulare?</i>	Res bre	MC	18,27,

116.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	4 in town 5.8.05,	22,
117.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i> (no ssp)	Res bre	LC, 7 near airport 5.9.05, obs 22 Oct in woodland by airstrip.	16,22,27,29,
118.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis m. metallica</i>	Res bre	MC-VC, 2 @ airport 30 Jan 1978,	16,27,29,
119.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i> (no ssp)	Res bre	C & U in Rain Gallery, Monsoon & Teak forests & mangroves. 9.16,22,29, C in Savanna & mangroves 1978,	
120.	Brown Oriole	<i>Oriolus szalayi</i> (no ssp)	Res	5 seen 5.8.05.	22,27,
121.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino d. dumontii</i>	Res bre	MC-C	16,27,
122.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus l. leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	P.	16,20,27,
123.	Black Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus q. quoyi</i>	Res bre	UC-MC.	11,16,27,
124.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus o. orru</i>	Res	Sep 1974, 3 feeding on fruit 5.8.05, Nestling obs 30 Jan >30 obs 2 Apr many 10 Sep 1978,	7,22,27,29,

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.

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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