

# Fergusson Island Bird Checklist

## D'Entrecasteaux Archipelago, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	P,	11,12,
2.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	P,	11,12,
3.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Vag	UC,	3,
4.	Australian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	UC,	3,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	P,	11,12,
6.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	C, 1 obs Mar 2004,	11,12,34,
7.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res	1 obs Mar 2004,	34,
8.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P,	11,
9.	Gurney's Eagle	<i>Aquila gurneyi</i>	Res	1 <sup>st</sup> Observed record.	10,11,
10.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Res bre	MC, Ad coll by Meek, Obs Mar 2004,	3,11,32,34,
11.	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans affinis</i>	Res bre	UC-R, Coll. By Meek,	11,15,32,
12.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster pallidimas</i>	Res	P, M & yng F coll by Meek 1894/5,	3,11,15,32,
13.	Grey-headed Goshawk	<i>Accipiter poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	MC, Coll by Meek,	3,11,12,32,
14.	Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>	Res ?	Singles obs Mar 2004,	28,
15.	Long-tailed Buzzard	<i>Henicopernis longicauda</i>	Res	Observed, Claimed 1 <sup>st</sup> record.	10,
16.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata megala</i>	Res bre	P,	11,15,17,
17.	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>	Sum mig	P, Coll. By Meek,	3,32,
18.	Rajah Shelduck	<i>Tadorna radjah</i>	Res bre	UC, Coll. By Meek 1894/5,	3,11,32,
19.	Spotted Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna guttata</i>	Res?	P,	11,
20.	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt macgillivrayi</i>	Res bre	P, MC, 1 obs Mar 2004,	11,15,16,34,
21.	Red-necked Rail	<i>Rallina tricolor</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
22.	Comb-crested Jacana	<i>Irediparra gallinacea novaeguineae</i>	Res bre	Mod Common	2,7,11,15,
23.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	Win mig	Mod Common. Sev coll. Jan 1929 enlarged gonads.	2,7,11,20,
24.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	7,
25.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	P, Coll by Meek 1894/5,	7,11,12,32,
26.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	1 spec Jan	2,11,12,
27.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	P	11,12,
28.	Large Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	P,	11,12,
29.	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius d. dubius</i>	Vag?	1 local race at Hot Springs Mar 04,	28,
30.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	P,	11,12,
31.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	P,	11,12,
32.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	P,	11,12,
33.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	P, Coll by Meek 1894/5,	11,12,32,
34.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Sum mig	P,	11,12,
35.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	?	Off E coast. <30 offshore Mar 04,	6,11,12,28,
36.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	Off E coast, Two offshore Mar 04,	6,11,12,28,

37.	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Res?	1 obs offshore to W Mar 2004,	34,
38.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	Off E. coast.	6,11,12,
39.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	C (<40) offshore Mar 04,	11,12,28,
40.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	3 & 5 offshore Mar 04,	12,28,
41.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	P,	11,12,
42.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	P,	11,12,
43.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	P,	11,12,
44.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis cinericeps</i>	Res bre	P, M2F coll by Meek 1894/5, Obs Mar 2004,	12,32,34,
45.	Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>	Res bre	P, 2m 1F coll by Meek,	3,11,32,
46.	Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardtii griseotincta</i>	Res bre	MC, M coll. by Meek,	11,15,32,
47.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica chrysochlora</i>	Res bre	MC, Ad with nest & 2 eggs coll. 10 Mar 1895,	3,6,11,15,32,
48.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani stephani</i>	Res bre	C, M coll Oct 1894,	3,11,15,29,32,
49.	White-bibbed Ground Dove	<i>Gallicolumba jobiensis jobiensis</i>	Res bre	UC in forest.	15,
50.	Pheasant Pigeon	<i>Otidiphaps nobilis insularis</i>	Res bre	MC	15,17,
51.	Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus zonurus</i>	Res bre	MC, Coll by Meek 1894/5,	3,11,15,32,
52.	Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>	Res bre	Near sea-level	3,11,
53.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis vicinus</i>	Res bre	P, 5+ coll 1894,	3,11,15,29,
54.	White-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>	Res	1 record collected	10,11,
55.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	P,	11,
56.	Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>	Res bre	P, C Mar 2004,	11,34,
57.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	P, UC Mar 2004,	11,34,
58.	Pinon Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon salvadorii</i>	Res bre	MC, Sev coll 1895,	3,11,15,29,32,
59.	Zoe Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>	Res bre	MC, Sev coll by Meek,	3,11,15,32,
60.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res bre	P,	3,11,
61.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis</i>	Res	Heard 1 <sup>st</sup> record	10,11,
62.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous devittatus</i>	Res bre	P, In Tring coll 1898, Tring coll 1894/5. UC Mar 2004,	3,11,15,17,30, 32,34,
63.	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Res bre	10 spec measured, F coll by Meek, P at Tring, Obs Mar 2004,	3,11,32,33,34,
64.	Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta pusio harterti</i>	Res bre	P, 2M Sev nestlings coll by Meek 1894/5? At tring,	3,11,15,32,33,
65.	Double-eyed Fig-Parrot	<i>Cyclopsitta diophthalma virago</i>	Res bre	R. M&F+? Coll Sep 1894, F has large red patch on forehead,	3,11,15,17,29, 32,33,
66.	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>	Res bre	P, "Evidently not rare" 1894/5, Series at Tring, Heard Mar '04,	3,11,32,33,34,
67.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Res bre	P, "Evidently common" 1894/5, Coll. by Meek for Tring, UC Mar 2004,	3,11,32,33,34,
68.	Orange-fronted Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus aurantiifrons meeki</i>	Res bre	Rare or hard to see. R. 2M3F coll Sep 1894, by Meek for Tring	3,8,11,15,29,32 33,
69.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus variolosus fortior</i>	Res bre/Win Mig	MC. Coll by Meek 1894/5, Heard Mar 2004,	3,11,15,32,34,
70.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Win mig	P,	3,
71.	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx minutillus poecilurus</i>	Win mig	MC, Heard Mar 2004,	11,15,34,
72.	Dwarf Koel	<i>Microdynamis parva</i>	Res bre	P,	3,11,
73.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamis orientalis</i>	Res bre/Win mig	P,	3,
74.	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus obscuratus</i>	Res bre	1-6 spec. AMNH C. Coll by Meek 1894/5,	3,4,11,15,32,
75.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	P, Obs Mar 2004, Obs Mar 2004,	6,11,28,34,
76.	Jungle Boobook	<i>Ninox theomacha goldii</i>	Res bre	P, 2/3 skins in Tring 1898, 3+ skins coll by Meek,	3,4,11,15,30,32
77.	Marbled Frogmouth	<i>Podargus ocellatus intermedius</i>	Res bre	P, Rufous F Grey Males coll with eggs Nov&Dec yng Jan 1894 by Meek,	3,11,15,32,

78.	Barred Owlet-Nightjar	<i>Aegotheles bennettii plumiferus</i>	Res bre	P,	3,11,15,
79.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus yorki</i>	Res bre	P,	3,11,15,
80.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis granti</i>	Res bre	1 spec. AMNH. Skins Coll by Meek Tring,	3,5,11,15,32,
81.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Res	P,	3,11,
82.	New Guinea Needletail	<i>Chaetura novaeguineae</i>	Res bre	Flock of 50.	6,
83.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus macleayii</i>	Res/mig	4 spec. AMNH.	4,11,
84.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Res bre	P, Coll for Tring 1894/5 by Meek,	11,32,
85.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus Chloris</i>	Res bre	P, Heard Mar 2004,	3,34,
86.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	P,	3,
87.	Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro ochracea</i>	Res bre	Common, M&F coll 1894/5 by Meek,	3,11,15,17,32,
88.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus solitarius</i>	Res bre	P, M coll by Meek 1894/5,	3,11,15,17,18, 32,
89.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx p. pusilla</i>	Res bre	MC	3,11,15,17,18,
90.	Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azurea lessonii</i>	Res bre	P, Coll & eggs from nests Sep & Oct 1894 for Tring, 1 obs Mar 2004,	3,11,17,18,32, 34,
91.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Res bre	P,	3,11,
92.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	Uncertain if present.	3,11,
93.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis waigiouensis</i>	Res/Win mig	MC, Coll by Meek 1894/5,	3,11,15,32,
94.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus jungei</i>	Res bre	MC, 10 obs Mar 04,	3,11,15,28,
95.	Blue-breasted Pitta	<i>Pitta erythrogaster finschii</i>	Res bre	MC in Forests and remnant forest, MC. P, 3 heard Mar 04,	3,9,11,15,23, 28,29,32,
96.	Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta versicolor</i>	Res bre	P,	3,
97.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	UC-LA near fresh water.	4,9,11,
98.	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	Res bre	P,	3,
99.	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Win Mig	LC Apr – Oct.	9,11,
100.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves	3,9,11,
101.	Grey-headed Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina schisticeps vittata</i>	Res bre	LC in canopy of rainforest, forest edges and regrowth. MC.	3,9,11,15,
102.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela obscurior</i>	Res bre	MC in rainforests, M&F coll by Meek, Obs Mar 2004,	3,9,11,15,21,23 32,34,
103.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis diminuta</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m. C.	3,6,9,11,15,
104.	White-shouldered Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>	Res bre	1 <sup>st</sup> Rec. Uncertain,	3,6,9,11,
105.	Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris proxima</i>	Res bre	LC-VC in mangroves, swamps and other wet locations. Type M +7 coll Jan 1895 Tring, Nest with 3 eggs each coll Jan by Meek, Heard Mar 2004,	3,9,11,15,31, 32,34,
	[Fairy Gerygone	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>	?	Heard Mar 04,	89,]
106.	Island Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trivirgatus hamlini</i> ?	Res bre	1st spec Collected,	10,11,27,
107.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons louisianensis</i>	Res bre	UC-C in mangroves mainly.	3,9,11,25,
108.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris gularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C in all forests, forest edges and regrowth of lowlands & hills, 2 eggs coll 29 Dec by Meek,	3,9,11,15,32,
109.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m,	3,9,11,25,
110.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens rosselianus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens.	3,9,11,15,
111.	Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanoptis</i>	Win mig	MC in most forests and regrowth, Skins & nest with 3 eggs each coll Oct-Dec by Meek,	3,9,11,32,
112.	Spot-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha guttulus</i>	Res bre	C in Rainforest, monsoon forest & tall regrowth-quiet, Nest with 2 eggs coll Dec by Meek, Heard Mar 2004,	3,9,11,15,32, 34,
113.	Golden Monarch	<i>Monarcha chrysomela praerepta/nitidus</i>	Res bre	MC-C in most forests < 700m	3,9,11,15,26,

114.	Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	Win bre	Mar-Oct in forest edges & partly cleared areas. M obs Mar '04	23, 3,9,11,15,34,
115.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto lucidus</i>	Res bre	UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub 1 obs Mar 2004,	3,9,11,19,23,34
116.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula sciurorum</i>	Res bre/Win mig	LC in Savannah and forest patches. C. P,	9,11,15,23,
117.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res bre	LC in mangroves, forest and scrub.	3,9,11,24,
118.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis fergussonis</i>	Res bre		15,
119.	Grey Whistler	<i>Pachycephala simplex dubia</i>	Res bre	C in lowlands, C. Heard Mar 04, Coll by Meek, Obs Mar 2004	3,9,11,15,28, 32,34,
120.	Little Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla megarhyncha fortis</i>	Res bre	C-A more often heard than seen in forest & regrowth C, Skins nest and 4 clutches of 2 eggs coll by Meek Oct-Dec, 1 obs '04,	3,9,11,15,32, 34,
121.	Red-capped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum geelvinkianum violaceum</i>	Res bre	MC-C but inconspicuous. 3 eggs coll 2Dec 1894 by Meek,	2,3,15,32,
122.	Olive-crowned Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pectorale</i>	Res bre	?	11,
123.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges, Obs Mar 04, Nest & 2 eggs Coll Sep & Dec Apparently F & Imm M desc as new species, Others (Recognised) with clutches of 2 or 3 Oct-Mar,	3,9,11,28,32,
124.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C outside of forests, Obs Mar 04, Coll by Meek 1894,	3,9,11,28,32,
125.	Plumed Longbill	<i>Oedistoma iliolophus fergussonis</i>	Res bre	A & ubiquitous in lowland & hill forest, Obs Mar 04, M&F coll & a nest with 1 egg in Dec by Meek,	3,9,11,15,28, 32,
126.	Pygmy Longbill	<i>Oedistoma pygmaeum meeki</i>	Res bre	MC-C in Canopy. Obs mar 04,	3,9,11,15,28,
127.	Black Myzomela	<i>Myzomela nigrita louisianensis</i>	Res bre	Obs Mar 04,	3,6,11,15,28,
128.	Red-collared Myzomela	<i>Myzomela rosenbergii</i>	Res bre	Series if M&F coll by Meek,	11,32,
129.	Puff-backed Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga aruensis sharpei</i>	Res bre	MC-C in Forest and tall regrowth < 1200m, nests with 2 eggs coll along with skins Nov & Dec by Meek,	3,9,11,15,32,
130.	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus versicolor sonoroides</i>	Res bre	MC-VC.C.	3,9,11,15,
131.	Tawny-breasted Honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer spilogaster</i>	Res bre	A. & ubiquitous, Heard Mar 04, M&F coll by Meek,	3,9,11,15,28, 32,
132.	Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides subtuberosus</i>	Res bre	C, 4 (M&F) coll by Meek Nest with 2-3 eggs coll Oct-Dec, Obs Mar 2004,	3,9,11,15,32,34
133.	Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	Res bre	MC-C, 1 obs Mar 04,	3,9,11,28,
134.	Black-crowned White-eye	<i>Zosterops atrifrons pallidogularis</i>	Res bre	MC-A	9,11,15,
135.	Capped White-eye	<i>Zosterops fuscicapillus</i>	Res	Collected claimed 1 <sup>st</sup> record.	10,11,
136.	Chestnut-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Res bre	50 obs Mar 04,	3,11,28,
137.	Blue-faced Parrot-Finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>	Res bre	1 <sup>st</sup> specimen record,	10,11,
138.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus metallicus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC, Obs Mar 04, Skins coll by Meek,	3,9,11,15,28, 32,
139.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus carbonarius</i>	Res bre	CU in Rain Gallery, Monsoon & Teak forests & mangroves. Obs Mar 04, Skins & 2 clutches of 3 coll Oct & Dec by Meek,	3,9,11,15,23, 28,32,
140.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	Locally Common Obs Mar 2004,	3,9,11,34,
141.	Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus hercules</i>	Res bre	Prefers riparian forest, C, Obs Mar 04, Coll by Meek Tring,	3,9,11,15,28, 32,
142.	Curl-crested Manucode	<i>Manucodia comrii comrii</i>	Res bre	4-6 birds interacting closely in edge of thick forest, loose flocks in canopy Mar 04, 2 clutches of 2 in nests coll Mar also skins Tring,	3,9,11,14,15, 22,28,32,
143.	Trumpet Manucode	<i>Manucodia keraudrenii hunsteini</i>	Res bre	Coll by Meek in hills above 380m Tring,	3,9,11,15,32,
144.	Goldie's Bird-of-Paradise	<i>Paradisaea decora decora</i>	Res bre	Desc 1883, 2MIF displaying nr Sabutuia Mar 04, Coll by	3,9,11,14,15,

145.	Grey Crow	<i>Corvus tristis</i>	Res bre	Meek in S of island >380m, MC. Skins Coll Tring,	28,32, 3,9,11,15,32,
146.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Res bre	?, Nest & 4 eggs coll 22 Jan Skins also Tring, Obs Mar '04	3,9,11,32,34,

## 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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