

# Lihir Systematic Bird Check List

## Including Lihir, Mali, Masahet Sinabiet & Mahur Islands, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	Win mig	5,000+ close to shore Dec 1987.	18,
2.	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna carneipes</i>	Spr/Aut mig	40 feeding with other shearwaters Dec 1987,	18,
3.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	10 feeding with other shearwaters Dec 1987,	18,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	15 seen 800m offshore. Obs Dec 1987,	9,18,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
6.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Bre Res?	Obs,	11,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, 2 spec. AMNH. 1 seen in round island boat trip.	1,6,9,16,
8.	Rufous Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, 3 spec. AMNH.	1,3,4,16,
9.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	P, 1 in thick forest.	1,9,16,
10.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, Pr seen, said to breed on Lihir.	1,9,16,
11.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	Res bre	P, <6 seen in a day. 1 obs. Apr 1987.	1,9,10,16,
12.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P, 1 seen on 2 days	1,9,
13.	Gurney's Eagle	<i>Aquila gurneyi</i>	Res?	Obs Feb 1991,	8,
14.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus ernesti</i>	Res	P,	1,
15.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster lihirensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
16.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
17.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	2,100 egg-burrows in Luise Caldera.	9,13,16,
18.	King Quail	<i>Coturnix chinensis lepida</i>	Res bre	P, 3+ coll AMNH,	1,19,
19.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus leucophrys</i>	Res bre	P, Little dorso-ventral contrast in AMNH spec.	1,19,
20.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	P, 2M0F coll AMNH,	1,19,
21.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
22.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	2 spec Oct	5,
23.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	F Coll 2 Nov 1934 AMNH,	19,
24.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	2M coll 1934 AMNH,	19,
25.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	1 spec Nov.	5,
26.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	1 spec Nov.	5,
27.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	1 on beach @ Luise Harb. 1 obs on track in R' Forest. 3M 3F coll. Oct & Nov 1934, AMNH,	9,10,19,
28.	Swinhoe's Snipe (Chinese)	<i>Gallinago megala</i>	Sum mig	2F coll Nov 1934 AMNH,	19,
29.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	M&F coll Nov 1934 AMNH,	19,
30.	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Sum mig	Rec	17,
31.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Sum mig	2 Alaskan birds radio-tracked nearby Nov & Dec 06, Obs 1987,	20,18,
32.	Arctic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Sum mig	Obs Dec 1987,	18.
33.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	1 rec Jul 87. Obs Dec 1987,	9,18,

34.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
35.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	3 offshore Jul.	9,
36.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	6 feeding offshore Jul.Obs Dec 1987,	9,18,
37.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
38.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
39.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
40.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
41.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	Res bre	1 or 2 seen daily.	1,9,16,
42.	Black-billed Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia n. nigrirostris</i>	Res bre	UC	12,
43.	Pied Cuckoo-dove	<i>Reinwardtoena browni</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
44.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>	Res bre	1 seen daily	1,9,16,
45.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
46.	Bronze Ground-dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii</i>	Res bre	P, 1 obs Jan 2002,	1,22,
47.	White-bibbed Ground-dove	<i>Gallicolumba jobensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
48.	Superb Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	2 seen in fruiting tree.	1,9,
49.	Red-knobbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus insolitus</i>	Res bre	<5 seen/day. 2 obs Jan 2002,	1,9,16,22,
50.	White-breasted Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
51.	Claret-breasted Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Res bre	1 on nest c egg 7 Jul.	1,9,
52.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera</i>	Res bre	V common < 14 at fruiting tree. C. Apr. 1987.	1,9,10,16,
53.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
54.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	10 seen on 2 days C. in Coconuts.	1,9,10,16,
55.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
56.	Cardinal Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Br on Mahir & Masahit A. near Masahet airstrip.	1,9,
57.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentis</i>	Res bre	VC in coconut groves.	1,9,16,
58.	Finsch's Pygmy-parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschii</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
59.	Song Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	C in Forest	1,9,16,
60.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Res bre	VC in forest 1 pr Apr 87.	1,9,10,16,
61.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	?	Single bird in garden 8 Jul.	9,
62.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Win mig	Rare	1,
63.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Res bre	8 spec. AMNH. + 1 from Masahit. Single birds daily	1,3,4,9,16,
64.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	P,	1,16,
65.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
66.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocyne mystacea</i>	Res bre	Pr around caldera, Imm & Ads coll,	1,9,16,21,
67.	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Aut./Spr mig	1 bird 30 Jan, & 3 Feb 1991,	8,18,
68.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikornesis lihirensis</i>	Res bre	9M13F1imm spec. AMNH. 500 birds in cave in cliff,	1,7,9,16,21,
69.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
70.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta spilogaster</i>	Res bre	100 birds in cave in cliff. VC. Apr 87, 12M 13F @AMNH	1,9,10,16,21,
71.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,16,
72.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Res bre	1 seen 7 Jul.	1,9,
73.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	25 seen around island trip.	1,9,16,
74.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus</i>	Res bre	3 in forest.	1,9,16.
75.	Bismarck Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo websterii</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
76.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Res bre	C on beaches @ low tide & up creeks Pr obs.Apr. 87.	1,9,10,16,
77.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig		16,
78.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Res bre	1 in forest 9 Jun.	1,9,
79.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	4 at Catholic mission. UC-LA near fresh water.	1,9,11,

80.	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	Res	4 seen 3 Feb 1991,	18,
81.	Grey-capped Cicadabird	<i>Coracina remota</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves 2M1F coll.	1,11,15,16,8
82.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela ottomeyeri</i>	Res bre	VC. in forest. MC. Apr 1987. MC in rainforests. 4M8F coll.	1,2,9,10, 11,15,16,
83.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis polionota</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m.	1,11,15,
84.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris gigantea</i>	Res bre	VC. in forest. MC> Apr 1987. Uses all forest types. 11M 5F Coll.	1,9,10,11, 15,16,
85.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m	1,11,15,16,
86.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens perpallidus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens.	1,8,15,16,
87.	Golden Monarch	<i>Monarcha chrysomela whitneyorum</i>	Res bre	C dense forest. Pr Obs. Apr. 1987. MC-C in most forests < 700m 11M 8F Coll.	1,9,10,11, 15,16,
88.	Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	Win mig/Vag	Mar-Oct in forest edges & partly cleared areas. Rec. 1934.	11,14,15,
89.	Bismarck Whistler	<i>Pachycephala citreogaster</i>	Res bre	Uncommon in dense forest	1,9,11,16,
90.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	Res bre	Bre Malie & Sinabiet. Malie.	1,11,
91.	Red-banded Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum eximium</i>	Res bre	C.	1,11,16,
92.	Black (Bismarck) Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	VC. in forests & gardens. MC-C in Forests	1,9,11,16,
93.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C in forests & gardens.	1,9,11,16,
94.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantorooides</i>	Res bre	Pr @ Luise Harbour. LC.	1,9,11,16,
95.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	A. most freq obs species on island. VC. Colony.	1,9,10,11,16,

## 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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