

New Hanover Island Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	2 off W coast May 1999,	7,15,28,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus royanus?</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	1 rec of 4,	5,7,15,28,
3.	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna carneipes ssp?</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	3 seen off W coast May 1999,	7,15,28,
4.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor ssp?</i>	Vag	C on S coast, Roosts with Greater on Nusandaul May 1999,	5,7,17,28,
5.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	1 rec of 850 in Dec, A at Roost on Nusandaul Is off Sth coast	5,7,15,28,
6.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	15-20 500m off Umbukal and 2-3km off W coast May 1999,	7,15,28,
7.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res Bre	1 seen 30 km Nth 27.6.2000.	15,18,28,
8.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res	1 rec of 4	5,15,28,
9.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res	2 spec. AMNH. White & Grey forms C, 1 pied obs, 1999,	1,7,11,22, 28,
10.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus solomonensis?</i>	Res	Obs in mangroves at Lavongai 1999,	7,28,
11.	Rufous Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, 4 Spec. AMNH, C in northern swamps, Juv M col Apr 1923	1,4,7,13,22, 33,
12.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P, A in Swamps C in interior 1999, Coll 1897, M2F coll 1923,	1,7,22,32,33
13.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	P, C close to villages 1999, 1 coll Mar 1897,	1,7,31,
14.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P, 3 coll. Regular at mouth of Saula R. 1999,	1,7,20,22,
15.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, C around coast, 1 8km up Woi R,	1,7,22,
16.	White-breasted Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P, Highest density in NW 1999,	1,7,
17.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata bismarckii</i>	Res	P, MC away from coast 1999, 2 coll 1897, 4 coll 1923,	1,7,22,32,33,
18.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	Res	12 roosting in 1 tree May 1999, 1 seen take domestic chicken, F coll 1923,	1,7,22,33,
19.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster lavongai</i>	Res?	P, Obs 3x on ridge adj to Saula R, 2 imm coll 1897, F coll 1923,	1,7,22,32, 33,
20.	King Quail	<i>Coturnix chinensis lepida</i>	Res bre	P, Coll 1897,	1,23,32,
21.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis lesouefi</i>	Res bre	P, 3F 3M coll AMNH, 2M3F coll 1923,	1,7,23,33,
22.	Red-necked Rail	<i>Rallina tricolor convicta</i>	Res bre	P, 2 coll 1897,	1,22,28,32,
23.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus leucophrys</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
24.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	1 seen Upper Woi R. 1999, 1M 1F coll AMNH, 2 coll 1897,	1,7,23,32,
25.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, 1 coll AMNH v purple breast, coll 1897,	1,23,32,
26.	Beach Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
27.	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	P,	7,28,
28.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	1 spec Mar, Small numbers school grounds & beaches 1999, F coll Mar 1923,	1,7,9,33,
29.	Large Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	P	7,1,28,
30.	Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius m. mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	1 non-br on Sth coast 1999,	1,7,28,
31.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum Mig	obs at Puas 1999,	1,7,28,
32.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum Mig	Flocks of <50 flying along Sth coast 25 Apr 1999, C on coast,	1,7,23,28,

33.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringia brevipes</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	1M & 1F Coll Mar 1923 AMNH, M&F coll Mar 1923,	33,
34.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i> (no ssp)	Sum mig	C along coast even in villages 1999,	1,7,28,
35.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	1 seen Inga Estuary 8& 9 May 1999,	1,7,28,
				C on coast incl villages 1999, F coll Mar 1923 AMNH, F coll	1,7,23,28,33
				Mar 1923,	
36.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Sum Mig	P,	1,9,28,
37.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	P,	1,7,16,28,
38.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	P,	1,7,28,
39.	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> (no ssp)	Sum Mig	1 Rec,	15,28,
42.	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Mig/Vag	Alaskan bird radio-tracked close by to E Dec 06,	29,
40.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i>	Sum Mig	rec of 800,	5,7,15,28,
41.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	common, 200 offshore, C along coast 1999,	5,7,15,28,
42.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res	F common	5,7,15,28,
43.	Grey-backed Tern	<i>Onychoprion lunata</i> (no ssp)	Res	1 record.	15,28,
44.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion a. anaethetus?</i>	Res	80 offshore	5,15,28,
45.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res	2 records,	15,28,
46.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons sinensis</i>	Res	5 seen among Tigats 1999,	7,15,
47.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	1 offshore, C along coast 1999,	5,7,15,28,
48.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res	1000+ C along coast 1999,	5,7,15,28,
49.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res bre	P. 6M3F coll 1923,	1,33,
50.	Red-knobbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus i. insolitus</i>	Res bre	C, Most C fruit-dove on island 1999, 3 coll 1897, 6M1F coll	1,7,22,32,33,
				1923,	
51.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis johannis</i>	Res bre	Present 1 & 3 obs near coast, Coll 1897, 3F coll 1923,	1,7,10,32,33,
52.	White-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus r. rivoli</i>	Res bre	C in primary forest, Coll 1897, 6M2F coll 1923,	1,7,22,32,33,
53.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula spilorrhhoa subflavescens</i>	Res bre	Common, Coll 1897,	1,32,
54.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>	Res bre	C, 300 flew inland early am and returned to coast late pm May,	1,7,17,22,
				1999 & 350 roosted in 1 tree, F coll 1923,	33,
55.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula r. rubricera</i>	Res bre	Most C pigeon on coast & northern inland swamp forest 1999,	1,7,22,32,33,
				Coll 1897, 8M1F coll 1923,	
56.	Finch's Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula finchii</i> (no ssp)	Res bre	2 Pairs 6 May 1999,	1,7,22,
57.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis carteretia</i>	Res bre	C around coastal gardens 1999, Coll 1897, 3M3F coll 1923,	1,7,12,22,28,
					32,33,
	[Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi</i>	Res	A May 1999, misidentification?	7,]
58.	Bar-tailed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris major</i>	Res bre	P, F coll 1923,	1,33,
59.	Pied Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena b. browni</i>	Res bre	performing display flights above canopy May 1999, 2M coll	1,7,22,33,
				1923,	
60.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani stephani</i>	Res bre	MC, C in gardens 1999, Obs 1897, 4M4F coll 1923,	1,7,17,22,32,
					33,
61.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Gallucolumba beccarii johanna</i>	Res bre	P, Obs 1897, M coll 1923,	1,17,32,33,
62.	White-bibbed Ground-Dove	<i>Gallucolumba jobiensis jobiensis</i>	Res bre	UC in forest adjacent to sea.	17,
63.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	Small numbers regularly seen – breeds on nearby island, obs	1,7,22,32,
				1897,	
64.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i> (no ssp)	Res	only on small isles elsewhere	1,28,
65.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus flavicans</i>	Res bre	Common, Coll 1897, 9 coll 1923, 2 at Tring,	1,7,22,28,32,
					33,36,
66.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous devittatus</i>	Res bre	8 roosted in same tree as <i>D. pistrinaria</i> near Metemulai 1999,	1,7,17,22,32,
				Coll 1897, 8 coll 1923,	33,
67.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentis pallidior</i>	Res bre	C in gardens & forests 1999, Coll 1897, 5M3F coll 1923,	1,7,17,22,32,
					33,

68.	Finsch's (Green) Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschi viridifrons</i>	Res bre	1 positive id poss more 1999, / coll 1923, M&F Coll by Webster at Tring, 1,22,33,36,
69.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	2 obs Jun 2000. >50 roosted in same tree as <i>D. pistrinaria</i> , 1,7,18,22,33, 3M5F coll 1923,
70.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	MC inland 1999, 4M4F coll 1923, 1,7,22,33,
71.	Green-fronted Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus tener (no ssp)</i>	Res bre	MC in gardens and coconuts 1999, R 2 coll 1897, 8 coll 1923, 1,7,8,28,32, 33,
72.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus websteri</i>	Res bre	1 heard Jun 2000, Seen & heard to be widespread 1999, 1,7,18,22, Coll 1890's, 32,
73.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Vag	1 called for 15 mins 22 nd May 1999, 7,
74.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus plagosus</i>	Win mig	1 st obs for season 12 May 1999 seen in gardens and forests, 7,17,
75.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae (no ssp)</i>	Win mig	1 st seasonal obs 24 Mar 1999 2 other sightings, 1,7,22,
76.	Bismarck Boobook Owl	<i>Ninox variegata superior</i>	Res bre	Occasionally heard, 1 captive at Meteran 1999, R 2 coll 1897, 7,32,22, 2F coll 1923,
77.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus yorki</i>	Res bre	P, F coll 1923, 1,33,
78.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta kalili</i>	Res bre	C esp in forests 1999, 2M1F skins in ND 3M1F in AMNH, 4 1,6,7,22,30, coll 1923 3 with black rumps 1 with a fair bit of white, 33,
79.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis pallens</i>	Res bre	50 Jun 2000. VC esp coastal gardens 1999, 4M4F AMNH 1,7,18,22, 7M ND, 8 coll Mar 1923 not in moult, 30,33,
80.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius eichhorni</i>	Res bre	Seen in 1's & 2's in mixed flocks 1999, 7,28,
81.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea aeroplanes</i>	Res bre	C mostly in pairs 1999, 9 in Mus Coll, 2+ Coll 1890's, 4M 4F 1,7,22,30,32, coll 1923, 33,
82.	Common (River) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis hispidoides</i>	Res bre	C along coast & along rivers 1999, Listed but no col details, 1M 1,7,17,22, coll 23 Aug 1923 Tring Mus, 33,34,
83.	Bismarck Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo (Ceyx, Alcedo) websterii</i>	Res bre	LC in Woi R., P in Habiuk R. 1999, Have White breasts, 1 coll 1,7,32,33, Feb 1897, 2M coll 1923,
84.	Little (Mangrove) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla masalji</i>	Res bre	P, 1M coll 1923, 1,22,33,
85.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus mulcatus</i>	Res bre	P, 1,22,
86.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Win mig	P, 1,
87.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris nusae</i>	Res bre	C on coast vocal in March 1999, 8 coll 1923, 1,7,22,33,
88.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	UC 1999, 1,7,22,
89.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus (no ssp)</i>	Res bre	2 Jun 2000. 1 st for season 18 Apr 1999 <30 around the island, 7,18,22,28, 2M2F coll 1923, 33,
90.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis crassirostris</i>	Res bre	1 st for season 7 May 1999 UC singles seen in logged forest, 1,7,32,33, Coll 1897, 2M1F coll Mar & Apr in moult 1923,
91.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus dampieri</i>	Res bre	>35 flying over Woi R on 2 evenings Hunted on coast, M coll 1,7,8,33, 1923,
92.	Blue-breasted Pitta	<i>Pitta erythrogaster extima</i>	Res bre	MC in Forests and remnant forest. 1 in forest up Woi R 1,7,14,21, Coll 1890's, 12M4F coll 1923, 22,32,33,
93.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res?	UC-LA near fresh water. 1,14,
94.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis sclateri</i>	Res bre	C-VC in forest edges, savanna, regrowth, littoral woodland 1,7,14,21,32, 5M4F Coll. C in 2's & 3's on coast 1999, Coll 1890's, 5M4F 33,35, coll 1923, Descr of ssp,
95.	Grey-capped Cicadabird	<i>Coracina remota</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves 1,7,14,21,22, 3M6F Coll. C in 2 or 3's in many habitats 1999 Richer brown 32,33, colour than NG, Coll 1890's, 5M5F coll 1923,
96.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela albidior</i>	Res bre	MC in rainforests. 3M4F coll. C in gardens & plantations 1999, 1,3,7,14,21, 4M4F coll 1923, 22,23,
97.	Papuan Grassbird	<i>Megalurus macrurus interscapularis</i>	Res bre	UC-MC in areas of long grass in lowlands 1,14,21,26,

98.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis polionota</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m. c in grass & gdn1,7,14,21,33, 8 coll 1923,
99.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris setosa</i>	Res bre	Inhabits all forest types and their edges. 4M2F Coll. MC in 1,7,14,21,22, gardens, plantations mangroves & forests 1999, 8 coll 1923, 33,
100.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m MC in 1,7,14,18, coastal villages & river mouths, 22,24,
101.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens perpallidus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens. 1F Coll. 1,7,14,21, 1 sighted in bamboo 1999, F coll 1923, 22,33,
102.	Black-tailed Monarch	<i>Monarcha verticalis ateralba/verticalis</i>	End Bismarck	LMC in forests < 1280m 2 sightings in bamboo/primary 1,7,14,21, forests 1999, 6M1F coll 1923, 22,25,33,
103.	Golden (Black & Gold) Monarch	<i>Monarcha chrysomela chrysomela</i>	Res bre	MC-C in most forests < 700m. 5M3F Coll. C swamps 1,7,14,21, gardens & plantations 1999, 5M3F coll 1923, 22,33,
104.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>	Res bre	UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub, F's 1,2,7,14,17, have pale back. C in gardens plantations & mangroves '99, 19,22,33, 3M 3F coll 1923,
105.	Dull Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra hebetior eichhorni</i>	Res bre	LMC<1300m in forests & regrowth. 2M coll 1923 but ID un- 1,14,22,25,33, certain,
106.	Bismarck Whistler	<i>Pachycephala citreogaster</i>	Res bre	In forests and regrowth. Coll 1890's, 6M2F coll 1923, 1,14,22,32,33,
107.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res bre	Fairly common on islets 1,
108.	Red Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cruentata cruentata cantans</i>	Res bre	UC-LMC following flowering trees. C in gardens plantations 1,7,14,17, & secondary forests, 5M3F coll for Tring 1923, 21,22,33,
109.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena ramsayi</i>	Res bre	C flying from coast to 4 Tigak islands, 1M coll 1923, 7,33,
110.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia corinna</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges. C in gardens plantations & 1,7,14,22,33, secondary forests 1999, 6M2F coll 1923,
111.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	2 Jun 2000, C in gardens, plantations, & secondary forests, 5M1,7,18,22,33, 4F coll for Tring 1923,
112.	Red-banded Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum eximium eximium</i>	Res bre	C. C in gardens, plantations, secondary forests 1999, 5M3F coll 1,7,14,21,33, 1923,
113.	Black-crowned White-eye	<i>Zosterops atrifrons ultima</i>	Res bre	UC in lowlands, MC in hills. 7M1F Coll. C in gardens, 1,7,14,21,33, plantations, secondary forests 1999, 8 coll 1923,
114.	Mottled Mannikin	<i>Lonchura h. hunsteini nigerrima</i>	Res bre	LC in Lowland grass fields, Esp near large villages 1999, 30 1,7,14,27,33, Taskol Jun 02 Jun 07, 6M2F coll 1923 body moult Feb-Mar, 37,
115.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis m. metallica</i>	Res bre	MC-VC 4 Jun 2000. VC around habitations 1999, 8 coll 1923, 1,7,14,17,18, 22,33,
116.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides (no ssp)</i>	Res bre	MC around habitations 1999, 1,7,14,22,
117.	Melanesian Myna	<i>Mino kreffti</i>	Res bre	MC-C >100 roosting in same tree as pistrinaria near Metemulai, 1,7,14,33, C throughout island in groups of 2-5 1999, 8 coll 1923,
118.	Bismarck Crow	<i>Corvus insularis</i>	Res bre	MC throughout island 1999, 3M coll 1923, 1,7,14,21,22, 33,

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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