

# Ninigo Islands Systematic Bird Check List

## (Menam, Schachbrett, & L'Echiquier Islands) Bismarck Archipelago, PNG.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Obs Aug 1970.	5,
2.	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna griseus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P 1934	6,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	Obs Aug 1970, P 1934,	5,6,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	Obs Aug 1970. P 1934,	5,6,
5.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Res	Obs Aug 1970.	5,
6.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res Bre	Obs Aug 1970. P 1934,	5,6,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, 1 spec. AMNH. Obs Aug 1970. P 1934,	1,3,5,6,
8.	Rufous Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus hilli</i>	Res bre	P, 7 Spec. AMNH. Obs Aug 1970. P 1936,	1,2,4,5,6,
9.	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	Vag	P, Coultas 1934.	1,6,
10.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	P, Obs Aug 1970.	1,5,6,
11.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, Obs Aug 1970.	1,5,6,
12.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	?	P,	1,6,
13.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	22 Coll 1934, P Aug 1970,	5,6,
14.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis anachoretiae</i>	Res bre	P, None seen 1970, A 1934, 11 coll AMNH,	1,5,6,12,
15.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P 1934. Breeding & Coll PNGM 1970,	1,5,10,
16.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	Obs Aug 1934. Japan banded bird found dead Jan 1969.	1,6,7,
17.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	P 1934,	6,
18.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Obs Aug 1970.	5,
19.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	P 1934,	6,
20.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	P 1934,	6,
21.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res	P 1934,	6,
22.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res bre	P 1934	6,
23.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	P 1970,	6,
24.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	P 1934, Obs Aug 1970.	5,6,
25.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res bre	P 1934, Obs Aug 1970.	5,6,
26.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res b re	P 1934,	5,6,
27.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res bre	Obs Aug 1970.	5,6,
28.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res bre	P 1934, 2 pr breeding Aug 1970.	5,6,
29.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P 1934, P Aug 1970,	1,5,6,
30.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	50-100 on Menam 1970 coll PNGM. 12 obs 1934,	5,6,
31.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus flavicans</i>	Res bre	P P 1934, P 1970, skins at Tring?,	1,5,6,13,
32.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	P on Manam 1970,	5,
33.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res	P on Manam 1970,	5,
34.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res?	C on Manam 1970,	5,

35.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Res bre	P 1934,	1,6,
36.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	P 1934,	6,
37.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon saurophaga</i>	Res bre	Coll 1970 PNGM. P 1934,	1,5,6,
38.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	P 1970,	5,
39.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris</i>	Res bre	200 on Manam 1970 coll PNGM, 3 obs 1934, MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens, 2MIF Coll.	1,5,6,8,11,
40.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	P 1970, MC-C outside forests.	1,5,8,
41.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>	Res bre	C PNGM 1970, MC-A in all habitats.	1,5,6,8,
42.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis feadensis heureka</i>	Res bre	Small numbers	1,8,11,
43.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus</i>	Res bre	1 coll. PNG Mus 1970. P 1934,	5,6,

## 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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