

# Nukumanu (Tasman) Islands Systematic Bird Checklist PNG.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	Informants identified it as a rare visitor,	4,5,
2.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res Bre	Reliably reported to nest on the Garden Island Nukumanu	4,5,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res bre	Nests on the sanctuary atolls in mangroves, P Nov 2001,	4,5,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res bre	Breeds on sanctuary atolls, Dozens br on Huahatu Nov 2001,	4,5,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res bre	Nests on the ground in those sanctuary islets, <50 present 2001,	4,5,
6.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res bre	Nest in Mangroves on sanctuary islets, Dozens nesting in Huahatu trees Nov 2001,	4,5,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	No records, P Nov 2001,	1,4,5,
8.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P, 1 coll. 1910.	1,3,4,6,
9.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	P Nov 2001,	4,5,
10.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov 2001,	5,
11.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov 2001,	4,5,
12.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov 2001,	4,5,
13.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov 2001,	4,5,
14.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov 2001,	4,5,
15.	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Vag	One seen offshore at 4° 38' S 158° 58' E Nov 2001,	4,5,
16.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Sum mig	UC Nov 2001,	4,5,
17.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	3 coll. 1962, UC Nov 2001,	4,5,
	[Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	1 possible sighting Nov 2001,	5]
18.	Brown (Common) Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	2 coll. 1962, several Nesting Nov 2001,	4,5,
19.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	50 nests in 1 tree on Huahatu Many others Nov 2001,	4,5,
20.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res	3 coll. 1962, < 50 birds nesting on Huahatu Sanctuary Nov 01,	4,5,
21.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	P, Small numbers, 2 coll. 1962, P Nov 2001,	1,4,5,
22.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res	P, 1 coll. 1910,	1,4,6,
23.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Sum Mig	1 captured and kept as pet 2001,	4,
	[Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win Vag	Informants said it visited Nukumanu,	5.]
24.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sanctus</i>	Sum Vag	Not recorded, P,	1,4,
25.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens ssp?</i>	Res bre	P,	2,4,

## 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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