

# Tingwon (Portland) Systematic Bird Checklist

35 km W of NH, PNG

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| #   | Common Name              | Scientific Name                          | Ecol. Status    | Abundance  | References |
|-----|--------------------------|--|-----------------|--|------------|
| 1.  | Streaked Shearwater      | <i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>            | Sum mig         | 2 obs towards New Hanover May 1999.  | 3,         |
| 2.  | Flesh-footed Shearwater  | <i>Ardenna carneipes</i>                 | Spr/Aut mig     | 3 obs offshore May 1999.   | 3,         |
| 3.  | Great Frigatebird        | <i>Fregata minor</i>                     | Vag             | a few offshore May 1999,   | 3,         |
| 4.  | Lesser Frigatebird       | <i>Fregata ariel</i>                     | Res             | 50 offshore May 1999,  | 3,         |
| 5.  | Masked Booby             | <i>Sula dactylatra</i>                   | Res             | 15-20 obs (half Juv) on trip from NH May 1999,                                 | 3,         |
| 6.  | Eastern Reef Egret       | <i>Egretta sacra</i>                     | Res bre         | 3 or so on reef May 1999,  | 3,         |
| 7.  | Black Bittern            | <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>            | Res bre         | 1 in forest May 1999,  | 3,         |
| 8.  | Eastern Osprey           | <i>Pandion cristatus</i>                 | Res bre         | P, 2 occupied nests, 1 near village May 1999,                                  | 1,3,       |
| 9.  | White-bellied Sea-eagle  | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>            | Res bre         | P, Active nest near village, 1 juv,  | 1,3,       |
| 10. | Brahminy Kite            | <i>Haliastur indus</i>                   | Res bre         | P, 1 seen May 1999,  | 1,3,       |
| 11. | Melanesian Scrub Fowl    | <i>Megapodius eremita</i>                | Res bre         | Local, A in villages, scrub & forest,  | 1,3,       |
| 12. | Buff-banded Rail         | <i>Gallirallus philippensis lesouefi</i> | Res bre         | P, 2 near old airstrip May 1999,   | 1,3,       |
| 13. | Beach Stone-curlew       | <i>Esacus magnirostris</i>               | Res             | P, 3 on beach May 1999,  | 1,3,       |
| 14. | Pacific Golden Plover    | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>                   | Win mig         | 1 in fallow garden (NB plumage) May 1999,                                      | 3,         |
| 15. | Common Tern              | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>                    | Sum mig         | C offshore May 1999,   | 3,         |
| 16. | Crested Tern             | <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>                 | Res             | 20 on log on reef May 1999,  | 3,         |
| 17. | Brown Noddy              | <i>Anous stolidus</i>                    | Res             | C offshore often with C Terns May 1999,  | 3,         |
| 18. | Black Noddy              | <i>Anous minutus</i>                     | Res bre         | C offshore May 1999,   | 3,         |
| 19. | Mackinlay's Cuckoo-dove  | <i>Macropygia mackinlayi</i>             | Vag             | UC in gardens & plantations May 1999,  | 3,         |
| 20. | Stephan's Dove           | <i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>              | Res bre         | P, C in villages where hand fed,   | 1,3,       |
| 21. | Nicobar Pigeon           | <i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>               | Res bre         | P, reportedly present in large numbers Nov- Feb.                               | 1,3,       |
| 22. | Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove | <i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>           | Res bre         | P, MC May 1999,  | 1,3,       |
| 23. | Coconut Lorikeet         | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>          | Res bre         | P, <100 feed on main island & roost on Beligila Ile,                           | 1,3,       |
| 24. | Uniform Swiftlet         | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis pallens</i>   | Res bre         | P,   | 1,         |
| 25. | Collared Kingfisher      | <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>              | Res bre         | P, Several birds present May 1999,   | 1,3,       |
| 26. | Beach Kingfisher         | <i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>           | Res bre         | P, C on beach May 1999,  | 1,3,       |
| 27. | Common Kingfisher        | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>                     | Res bre         | C in trees along shore May 1999,   | 3,         |
| 28. | Rainbow Bee-eater        | <i>Merops ornatus</i>                    | Res bre/Win mig | P in May 1999,   | 3,         |
| 29. | Willie Wagtail           | <i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>    | Res bre         | P, P May 1999,   | 1,3,4,     |
| 30. | Island Monarch           | <i>Monarcha cinerascens perpallidus</i>  | Res bre         | MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens.<br>C in gardens and forest, | 2,3,5,     |
| 31. | Mangrove Golden Whistler | <i>Pachycephala melanura</i>             | Res bre         | (Malie & Sinabiet) ? C in gardens & villages this sp?                          | 1,3,       |
| 32. | Ebony Myzomela           | <i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>               | Res bre         | MC-A all habitats, MC May 1999,  | 2,3,       |
| 33. | Singing Starling         | <i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>              | Res bre         | P,   | 1,         |

34. Metallic Starling *Aplornis metallica* Res bre MC in village, garden & plantations May, 1,3,

### **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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