

# 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.	Rainbow 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. 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	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	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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