

# Tubatuba Is. Bird Checklist

## Engineer Grp, Milne Bay P.N.G.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt macgillivrayi</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
2.	Pacific Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	Grey & white forms P Oct 2009,	2,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	flock offshore Oct 2009,	2,
4.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	flock offshore Oct 2009,	2,
5.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
6.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
7.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
8.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	P Oct 2009,	2,
9.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	P Oct 2009,	2,
10.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	flock offshore Oct 2009,	2,
11.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
12.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion acautus</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
13.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
14.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
15.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
16.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
17.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
18.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
19.	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	Res bre	P Oct 2009,	2,
20.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	Res	Heard at night Oct 2009,	2,
21.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
22.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus sancta</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
23.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus</i>	Spr/Aut Mig?	Sev flew over Oct 2009, locals saying they visit here & Watts Isl.2,	2]
	[? Swiftlet			Obs in distance Oct 2009	
24.	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus versicolor intermedia</i>	Res bre	MC-VC., P Oct 2009,	1,2,
25.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	LC-MC P Oct 2009,	1,2,
26.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
27.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Res bre	?, P Oct 2009,	1,2,
28.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
29.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res	P Oct 2009,	2,
30.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	LC	1,
31.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus</i>	Res bre	P, A with 2 lge colonies in <i>Terminalia</i> trees	1,2,
32.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges.	1,

**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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