

# Umboi (Rooke) Island Systematic Bird Checklist

## Vitiaz-Dampier Straits, PNG

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| #   | Common Name                   | Scientific Name                            | Ecol. Status | Abundance  | References |
|-----|-------------------------------|--|--------------|--|------------|
| 1.  | Little Grebe                  | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>              | Res bre      | P, In fresh water lakes.                           | 1,12,      |
| 2.  | Streaked Shearwater           | <i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>              | Sum mig      | 20 offshore Dec 1997.                              | 10,        |
| 3.  | Sooty Shearwater              | <i>Ardenna griseus</i>                     | Spr/Aut mig  | Prob sighting 1970,                                | 20,        |
| 4.  | Intermediate Egret            | <i>Egretta (Ardea) intermedia</i>          | Res bre      | P, 20 obs Lake Buan, 1 @ 2 airstrips & marsh 1972. | 1,8,       |
| 5.  | Eastern Reef Egret            | <i>Egretta sacra</i>                       | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 6.  | Black Bittern                 | <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>    | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 7.  | Eastern Osprey                | <i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>      | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 8.  | Brahminy Kite                 | <i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>           | Res bre      | P, M coll. 1913.                                   | 1,16,      |
| 9.  | White-bellied Sea-eagle       | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>              | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 10. | Variable Goshawk              | <i>Accipiter novaehollandiae dampieri</i>  | Res bre      | P, In open hab. & forest edges. 2M coll. 1913.     | 1,8,16,    |
| 11. | Meyer's Goshawk               | <i>Accipiter meyerianus</i>                | Res bre      | P, Rare, Pr @ 500m Mt Birik 1972.                  | 1,8,       |
| 12. | Slaty-mantled Goshawk         | <i>Accipiter luteoschistaceus</i>          | Res bre      | P Juv plumage kestrel-like, < 700 m in forest      | 1,8,       |
| 13. | Spotted Whistling Duck        | <i>Dendrocygna guttata</i>                 | Res bre      | P, 3 spec. L. Buan 1972.                           | 1,8,       |
| 14. | Wandering Whistling Duck      | <i>Dendrocygna arcuata pygmaea</i>         | Res bre      | P, flocks of 5-20 L. Buan 1972,                    | 1,8,       |
| 15. | Pacific Black Duck            | <i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>        | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 16. | Pintail                       | <i>Anas acuta</i>                          | Win mig/vag  | 1 F L. Buan Jul 1972.                              | 8,         |
| 17. | Melanesian Scrubfowl          | <i>Megapodius eremita</i>                  | Res bre      | P, 6 coll. 1913.                                   | 1,14,16,   |
| 18. | White-browed Crake            | <i>Poliolimnas cinereus leucophrys</i>     | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 19. | Rufous-tailed Bush-hen        | <i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>    | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 20. | Purple Swampphen              | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>       | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 21. | Black-winged Stilt            | <i>Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus</i> | Res bre      | P, 10 at L. Buan Jul 1972.                         | 1,8,       |
| 22. | Common Sandpiper              | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>                  | Sum mig      | M coll. 2Aug1913, M coll Aug 1914,                 | 1,16,19,   |
| 23. | Slender-billed Cuckoo Dove    | <i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>              | Res bre      | 6M2F coll. Jul. 1913.                              | 1,16,      |
| 24. | Mackinlay's Cuckoo Dove       | <i>Macropygia mackinlayi</i>               | Res bre      | 2F coll. Jul 1913.                                 | 1,16,      |
| 25. | Great Cuckoo Dove             | <i>Reinwardtoena browni</i>                | Res bre      | 2M coll. Jul-Aug1913                               | 1,16,      |
| 26. | Stephan's Dove                | <i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>                | Res bre      | 6M4F coll. Jul 1913.                               | 1,16,      |
| 27. | New Britain Bronzewing        | <i>Hemicophaps forsteri</i>                | Res bre      | Uncommon 500-700m Mt Birik 1972.                   | 1,8,       |
| 28. | Bronze Ground-Dove            | <i>Gallicolumba beccarii</i>               | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 29. | White-bibbed Ground-Dove      | <i>Gallicolumba jobensis</i>               | Res bre      | P, F coll. Jul 1913.                               | 1,16,      |
| 30. | Nicobar Pigeon                | <i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>                 | Res bre      | P, M coll. 31Jul1913.                              | 1,16,      |
| 31. | Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove      | <i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>             | Res          | P, 4M6F Coll. 1913,                                | 5,16,      |
| 32. | Superb Fruit-Dove             | <i>Ptilinopus superbi</i>                  | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 33. | White-bibbed Fruit-Dove       | <i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>                   | Res bre      | P, Imm Mcoll. 1913.                                | 1,9,16,    |
| 34. | Red Knobbed Fruit-Dove        | <i>Ptilinopus insolitus</i>                | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 35. | Red-Knobbed Imperial Pigeon   | <i>Ducula rubricera</i>                    | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |
| 36. | Purple-tailed Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula rufigaster</i>                   | Res bre      | P,   | 1,         |

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| 37. | Finsch's Imperial Pigeon          | <i>Ducula finschii</i>                       | Res bre         | M&F coll. 1913.  | 16,                  |
| 38. | Island Imperial Pigeon            | <i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>       | Res bre         | P, 2F coll. Jul & Aug 1913.  | 1,13,16,             |
| 39. | Black Imperial Pigeon             | <i>Ducula melanochroa</i>                    | Res bre         | P, Sm flocks 300-700m Mt Birik.  | 1,8,                 |
| 40. | Pied Imperial Pigeon              | <i>Ducula bicolor (spilorrhoea)</i>          | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 41. | Eastern Black-capped Lory         | <i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>                  | Res bre         | P, M coll. 1913.   | 1,16,                |
| 42. | Red-flanked Lorikeet              | <i>Charmosyna placentas (pallidior)</i>      | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 43. | Song Parrot                       | <i>Geoffroyus heteroclitus</i>               | Res bre         | F coll. 1913.  | 16,                  |
| 44. | Buff-faced Pygmy-parrot           | <i>Micropsitta pusio</i>                     | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 45. | Eclectus Parrot                   | <i>Eclectus roratus</i>                      | Res bre         | P, 4M4F Coll. 1913.  | 1,16,                |
| 46. | Shining Bronze-Cuckoo             | <i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>                  | ?               | F Coll. 1913.  | 16,                  |
| 47. | Brush Cuckoo                      | <i>Cacomantis variolosus fortior</i>         | Res bre         | P, MC. 2 Coll. 1913.   | 1,13,16,             |
| 48. | Eastern Koel                      | <i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>                  | Res bre         | P, F Coll. 1913.   | 1,16,                |
| 49. | Channel-billed Cuckoo             | <i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>             | Res bre         | P, Vocal for 3 days Dec 1997.  | 1,10,                |
| 50. | Pied Coucal                       | <i>Centropus ateralbus</i>                   | Res bre         | P, 11 coll. 1913.  | 1,9,16,              |
| 51. | Large-tailed Nightjar             | <i>Caprimulgus macrurus yorki</i>            | Res bre         | P,   | 1,13,                |
| 52. | Moustached Tree-Swift             | <i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>                   | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 53. | Uniform Swiftlet                  | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>               | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 54. | White-throated Needletail         | <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>                 | Spr/Aut mig     | 1 obs 6 Dec, 4 on 8 Dec 1998.  | 7,10,                |
| 55. | Buff-breasted Paradise-kingfisher | <i>Tanyptera sylvia</i>                      | Res bre         | P, Seen Mar 1974, 10M5F Coll. 1913.  | 1,9,16,              |
| 56. | Collared Kingfisher               | <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>                  | Res bre         | P, 1 Coll. 1913.   | 1,16,                |
| 57. | Sacred Kingfisher                 | <i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>                   | Res bre Win mig | P, 7 Coll. 1913.   | 1,16,                |
| 58. | Beach Kingfisher                  | <i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>               | Res bre         | P, Fairly common all but 1 with white crowns 1972,   | 1,8,                 |
| 59. | Variable Dwarf Kingfisher         | <i>Ceyx lepidus</i>                          | Res bre         | P, 7 Coll. 1913.   | 1,16,                |
| 60. | Little Kingfisher                 | <i>Alcedo pusilla</i>                        | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 61. | Bismarck Kingfisher               | <i>Alcedo websteri</i>                       | Res bre         | 2 seen Dec 1997. M&F coll. 1913.   | 10,16,               |
| 62. | Common Kingfisher                 | <i>Alcedo atthis</i>                         | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 63. | Dollarbird                        | <i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>                 | Res bre         | P, 2M Coll. 1913. +1M as E. crassirostris  | 1,16,                |
| 64. | Rainbow Bee-eater                 | <i>Merops ornatus</i>                        | Win mig         | 8M1F Coll. 1913.   | 16,                  |
| 65. | Blue-tailed Bee Eater             | <i>Merops philippinus</i>                    | Res bre         | P,   | 1,                   |
| 66. | Red-bellied Pitta                 | <i>Pitta erythrogaster gazellae</i>          | Res bre         | P, MC in Forests and remnant forest, 4m1F Coll. 1913,  | 1,9,11,16,18,        |
| 67. | Pacific Swallow                   | <i>Hirundo tahitica frontalis</i>            | Res?            | P, UC-LA near fresh water. 2 Coll. 1914.   | 1,11,18,             |
| 68. | Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike         | <i>Coracina novaehollandiae melanops</i>     | Win Mig         | P, LC Apr – Oct. 1M Coll. 9 Aug. 1913.   | 1,11,16,18,          |
| 69. | White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike       | <i>Coracina papuensis sclateri</i>           | Res bre         | P, C-VC in forest edges, savanna, regrowth, littoral woodland<br>1M2F Coll. 1913. 1M2F Coll, Descr of ssp, | 1,11,16,18,25,       |
| 70. | Slender-billed Cicadabird         | <i>Coracina tenuirostris rooki</i>           | Res/Mig         | P, UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves<br>1M3F Coll. 1913. F coll Jul 1913,           | 1,11,16,18,24,       |
| 71. | Varied Triller                    | <i>Lalage leucomela falsa</i>                | Res bre         | P, MC in rainforests. 8M2F2Juv Coll. 1913. 4M2F Coll,  | 1,4,11,16,18,        |
| 72. | Northern Melanesian Ground-Thrush | <i>Zoothera talaseae</i>                     | Res bre         | P, UC 2 spec 1300m Mt Birik. R @ 1300m in forest.  | 1,8,11,              |
| 73. | Clamorous Reed-warbler            | <i>Acrocephalus stentoreus sumbae</i>        | Res bre         | P, LC-LA in reed beds and tall grass.  | 1,11,23,             |
| 74. | Golden-headed Cisticola           | <i>Cisticola exilis polionota</i>            | Res bre         | P, C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Rec.                                       | 1,11,18,             |
| 75. | Island Leaf-Warbler               | <i>Phylloscopus poliocephalus moorhousei</i> | Res bre         | P, Only on Mtns Soal & Talo, In forests & forest edges.  | 1,8,11,23,           |
| 76. | Bismarck Fantail                  | <i>Rhipidura dahli dahli</i>                 | Res bre         | P, Uncommon in Crown of forest mainly in mountains   | 1,8,9,11,21,         |
| 77. | Willie Wagtail                    | <i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>        | Res bre         | P, C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m. F coll.  | 1,11,16,18,          |
| 78. | Island Monarch                    | <i>Monarcha cinerascens nigrirostris</i>     | Res bre         | P, 4m4F1Juv Coll. 1913.  | 1,16,22,             |
| 79. | Black-tailed Monarch              | <i>Monarcha verticalis verticalis</i>        | End Bis         | P, LMC forests to 1280m 9M2F Coll. 1913.   | 1,9,11,16,<br>18,22, |

|      |                          |   |               |  |               |
|------|--------------------------|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| 80.  | Satin Flycatcher         | <i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>                   | Win mig/Vag   | Mar-Oct in forest edges & partly cleared areas. P. 1M2F Jul & 11,15,18, Aug.                                   |               |
| 81.  | Shining Flycatcher       | <i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>      | Res bre       | P, UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub   | 1,3,11,17,16, |
| 82.  | Common Golden Whistler   | <i>Pachycephala pectoralis citreogaster</i> | Res bre       | P, Common in forest & regrowth.  | 1,8,11,       |
| 83.  | Mangrove Golden Whistler | <i>Pachycephala melanura (dahli)</i>        | Res bre       | P, Vag from islets (Hein, Malai, Matenai, Nup, Tambiu, Tamum, etc). On many small islets. 2M1F4Juv Coll. 1913. | 1,8,9,11,16,  |
| 84.  | Black Sunbird            | <i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>                   | Res bre       | P, MC-C in forests and forest edges. 5M3F2Juv Coll. 1913.  | 1,11,16,      |
| 85.  | Yellow-bellied Sunbird   | <i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>                 | Res bre       | P, MC-C outside forests  | 1,11,18,      |
| 86.  | Black-crowned White-eye  | <i>Zosterops atrifrons</i>                  | Res bre       | P, UC on all 4 Mtns, Obs in canopy only, 670m to summit.   | 1,8,11,       |
| 87.  | Red-throated Myzomela    | <i>Myzomela eques rooki</i>                 | Res bre       | P, 3M Coll.  | 1,6,18,       |
| 88.  | Ebony Myzomela           | <i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>                  | Res bre       | P, Not on Umboi only on islets Hein, & all 7 of Siassi Grp.  | 1,8,          |
| 89.  | Ashy Honeyeater          | <i>Myzomela cineracea</i>                   | End NB, Umboi | P, C < 900m. 8M4F Coll. 1913.  | 1,11,16,      |
| 90.  | Yellow-vented Myzomela   | <i>Myzomela eichhorni</i>                   | Res bre?      | 1M Coll. 1913.   | 16,           |
| 91.  | Scarlet-bibbed Myzomela  | <i>Myzomela sclateri</i>                    | Res bre       | Reported.  | 13,18,        |
| 92.  | New Britain Friarbird    | <i>Philemon cockerelli</i>                  | Res bre       | P, Common. 6M2Juv Coll. 1913.  | 1,11,16,18,   |
| 93.  | Blue-faced Parrot-finch  | <i>Erythrura trichroa</i>                   | Res bre       | P, Col Mtns Birik & Soal 1000m to Summit. Secretive,   | 1,2,8,11,     |
| 94.  | Hooded Mannikin          | <i>Erythrura/Lonchura spectabilis</i>       | Res bre       | P, LC in Grasslands, 11 Coll. 1913.  | 1,11,16,      |
| 95.  | Streak-headed Mannikin   | <i>Lonchura tristissima</i>                 | Colonist?     | 18 obs in Dec 1997, with Hoodeds but also in forest.   | 7,10,         |
| 96.  | Singing Starling         | <i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>                 | Res bre       | P, LC  | 1,11,         |
| 97.  | Metallic Starling        | <i>Aplornis metallica</i>                   | Res bre       | P, MC-VC, 9 Coll. 1913.  | 1,11,16,      |
| 98.  | Yellow-faced Myna        | <i>Mino dumontii</i>                        | Res bre       | P, MC-C. 7 Coll. 1913.   | 1,11,16,      |
| 99.  | Spangled Drongo          | <i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>                  | Res bre       | P, CU in Rain Gallery, Monsoon & Teak forests & mangroves,   | 1,11,16,      |
|      |                          |   |               | 6 Coll. 1913.  |               |
| 100. | Torresian Crow           | <i>Corvus orru insularis</i>                | Res bre       | P, 1M1F Coll. 1913.  | 1,11,16,18,   |

## 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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