

# Unea Is. (Bali, Mérite) Bird Checklist

(French Islands) 65 km N of W end NB, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	Reference
1.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	P	3,
2.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P,	1,3,
3.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vagrant	Rare 1 seen Jul 1972.	1,3,
4.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	P,	3,
5.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	Fairly Common	2,
6.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	P,	3,
7.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	P,	3,
8.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>	Res bre	C, 2-3 seen Jun 1999,	3,5,
9.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res	P, 2/3 seen Jul 1972.	1,3,
10.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera</i>	?	1 obs at close quarters Jun 1999.	5,
11.	Buff- faced Pygmy-Parrot	<i>Micropsitta pusio</i>	Res bre	P, UC 2 coll 1925 Tring Mus,	1,10,
12.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	3 seen Jul 72, C. Jun 1999,	3,5,
13.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Res bre	2 seen Jul 1972, C 1925,	1,3,10,
14.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosa</i>	Vag?	1 rec Feb.	2,
15.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Vag?	1 rec	2,
16.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	1 obs. Jun 1999,	1,3,5,
17.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win mig	P,	3,
18.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx l. lucidus</i>	Win mig	M 2F coll 3&4 Aug 1925 Tring Mus,	10,
19.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	P, C & series coll Aug 1925, most moulting,	3,10,
20.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Win mig	P, MC 3 coll Jul 1925,	3,10,
21.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C. Jun 1999,	3,5,6,
22.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,3,8,
23.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>	Res bre	1 pr seen Jul 1972, P, C 3M3F coll Aug 1925,	1,3,8,9,10,
24.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res	2 obs Jun 1999, MC 1 coll 1925,	1,5,10,
25.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	Common, MC 1925,	1,3,4,10,
26.	Scarlet-bibbed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela sclateri</i>	Res bre	MC Jun 1999, R none coll 1925,	1,5,10,
27.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	C. Jun 1999,	3,5,
28.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	UC Jun. 1999.	3,5,

## 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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