

# Wuvulu Systematic Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Beck's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma becki</i>	Res?	10 seen offshore by D. Simpson.	6,
2.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>	Res	C offshore Feb/early Mar, UC late Mar.	2,
3.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	Sum mig	1 offshore Feb, 200 obs 84 km to SSE 27 Jan 2000,	2,9,
4.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	1 offshore 29 Apr. 1 over trees Jul 2005,	2,7,
5.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	Mod. Common. 1 or more seen a day Jul 05,	2,7,
6.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	Poss. Seen Mar 1975.	2,
7.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res	Several offshore Mar-May	2,
8.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P, Several seen include pied form. MC,	1,2,7,
9.	Rufous Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus hilli</i>	Res bre	P, Reported by locals.	1,2,
10.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res	P, Visitors of this species are shot.	1,2,
11.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliaeetus indus girrenera</i>	Res	P, Only record from 1913.	1,2,
12.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	P, Reported in 1913.	1,2,
13.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	Several seen, Pr with dark legs Jul 05,	2,7,
14.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis anachoretiae</i>	Res bre	P, Common, Young in Apr.	1,2,
15.	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis tabuensis</i>	Res bre	P, Common in swamps and Taro ponds.	1,2,
16.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	1 seen Mar 1975. Jul 05,	2,7,
17.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Common	2,
18.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	MC Feb, Mar 1975.	2,
19.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	Present.	2,
20.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	MC	2,
21.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	Common.	2,
22.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	10-20 seen Jul 05,	7,
23.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	C. on muddy N shore.	2,
24.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	C on rocky SE shore.	2,
25.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	C, 1 Jul 05,	2,7,
26.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	2 seen 30 Apr 1975.	2,
27.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	Few seen 27 Feb 1975.	2,
28.	? Snipe	<i>Gallinago megal?</i>	Sum mig	Common on lawns	2,
29.	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucoptera</i>	Vag	1 seen 30 Apr diff indiv. 1 May.	2,
30.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	Seen Feb	2,
31.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	C Feb/Mar, not Apr., C Jul, 1 nesting in Pandanus,	2,7,
32.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	Few Mar Ava Isl c Brown Noddies	2,

33.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res bre	C. nests in Casuarinas & Forest trees. <b>C</b> ,	2,7,
34.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res bre	1 seen Feb 1975.	1,2,
35.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Only M's in Apr.	1,2,
36.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	2 seen in Apr. 1975.	1,2,
37.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	?	Reported, 2 on Jul 05 Poss Flock,	2,7,
	[Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	?	Prob seen 1913, Poss on Aua Isle.	2,]
38.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res	Uncommon, <b>UC</b> ,	2,7,
39.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Res bre	1 seen 1 May 1975. <b>P</b> along airstrip Jul 05,	1,2,7,
40.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	Common. <b>C</b> ,	1,2,7,
41.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	Uncommon – Mar/Apr Airstrip.	2,
42.	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Win mig	rare, 1 seen 30 Apr 1975.	1,2,
43.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Bre res	<b>P</b> ,	1,8,
44.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fuscescens</i>	Bre res	<b>P</b> , <b>C</b> Br Feb & Apr. 75. <b>C</b> ,	1,2,5,7,
45.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>	Res bre	Abundant, Br in Apr. <b>C</b> ,	2,3,7,
46.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	<b>C</b> . <b>LC</b> .	1,2,3,
47.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis feadensis</i>	Res bre	1 doubtful Record, <b>C</b> Jul 2005,	1,3,7,

## 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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