

Big Maleivona Island Bird Checklist

Arnavon Isl, Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res bre	2 seen 18.12.05,	3,
2.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Res	2 present 18.12.05,	3,
3.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Res bre	Predated one turtle nest in 2000.	1,
4.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	Small nests scattered throughout island. 5 seen 18.12.05,	2,3,
5.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	1 seen 18.12.05,	3,
6.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	1 present 18.12.05,	3,
7.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res bre	2 roosting 18.12.05,	3,
8.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i>	Sum mig	50 roosting on beach, 1 with band 18.12.05,	3,
9.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana sumatrana</i>	Res	35 roosting on beach 18.12.05,	3,
10.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	5 feeding 18.12.05,	3,
11.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	12 roosting 9 fishing 18.12.05,	3,
12.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	30 fishing + 100 passing 18.12.05, 300 spp? 2 km offshore	3,
13.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	3 seen 18.12.05,	3,
14.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	3 seen 18.12.05, 2 flew towards Isabel the returned,	3,
15.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	1 seen 18.12.05,	3,
16.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res bre	4 seen 18.12.05,	3,4,
17.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	Pair 16.12.05,	3,

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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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