

# New Georgia Island (Rubiana) Bird Checklist

## New Georgia Group, Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	C over deep waters during NW monsoons	18,
2.	Heinroth's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus heinrothi</i>	?	Rare ? seen offshore Moray Isles.	16,16,
3.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	MC UC, Present all year, 700+ on Munda Bar am of 28/8/90 but only 70 in pm 30/7/90,	4,5,18,38,
4.	Christmas Island Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>	Res	Ad. F offshore Jul 1990	17,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	C inshore & offshore all year, 80 on Munda Bar 30/7, 60 on 28/8 1990,	18,38,
6.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vag	Rare	1,
7.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax m. melanoleucos</i>	Vag	P,	1,
8.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	Common, 2 spec. AMNH.	1,5,12,
	[Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vagrant	Specific islands not named,	1,]
9.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides (Ardeola) striata solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, C in mangroves & Beach hibiscus	1,5,18,
10.	Rufous Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, 1+ spec. AMNH	1,3,
11.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis woodfordi</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
12.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata proxima</i>	Res bre	P,	1,8,
13.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res bre	P, Common C on all coasts and lagoons	1,5,18,
14.	Variable (Grey) Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae rubianae</i>	Res bre	P, Fairly Common	1,2,5,6,8,9,
15.	Pied Goshawk	<i>Accipiter albogularis gilvus</i>	End Sol/SanCr	P, Coll for BM, 2 obs	1,2,5,6,18, 27,
16.	Solomon Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	End Sol	P, Present on all shoreline esp coconut, 1 nr Noro 30/7/90,	1,5,18,19,38,
17.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, C in all coastal areas	1,5,18,
18.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P, C on all rivers and mangrove lined estuaries, 1 coll.	1,18,26,
19.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P, C in Forest & islets UC in regrowth	1,5,18,
20.	Roviana Rail	<i>Gallirallus rovianae</i>	End Nga Group	Rare, Common, on airstrip, Coll 1977, Desc 1991.	1,16,19,22,
	[Woodford's Rail	<i>Nesoclopeus woodfordi</i>	?	? seen twice but no specimen, Considered to be Roviana Rail,	5,37,
21.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	1 <sup>st</sup> rec = 3 Munda Jan 1988.	18,
22.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus negriformis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,21,
23.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, C-A in cleared areas, <5Coll by AMNH,	1,18,31,
24.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P, Present esp on sandy shores, 1 at Rendova July '44. Coll also at Wickham anchorage AMNH, 1 Buru Hbr 30/7 & 25/8 1990,	1,18,22,31,38,
25.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Vag	2 rec at Munda airstrip for 3 weeks Jan 1984.	18,
26.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	C. A in mudflats, reefs grasslands. P 1944.	5,18,23,
27.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	Common P,	5,23,
28.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	1 seen Dec 1985,	18,
29.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	A in Summer, C in winter P Oct 1944.	18,23,

30.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum vag	1 obs Munda Feb 1998.	37,
31.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	C in groups of 2-10. P Oct 1944.	18,23,
32.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Uncommon	5,
33.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	A. C throughout the year. Oct 1944.	5,9,18,23,
34.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	Few Obs Mar 1987 none 1988.	18,
35.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii bangsi</i>	Res	<130 birds Aug 1990. SM no's Jul & Jan,	17,18,21,
36.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	Offshore,Blanche Ch. Roviana Lag A in & off - shore	4,5,18,21,
37.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res bre	MC in Summer	18,
38.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Res	C in Summer UC in Winter, 68 in Blanche Channel 30/7/1990.	18,38,
39.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	100's offshore, Roviana Lag Munda C all year, 130 in Blanche Channel 30 July 1990,	4,5,18,38,
40.	Grey-backed Tern	<i>Onychoprion lunata</i>	?	1 observed Jul 1987.	18,
41.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res/mig?	48 in Blanche Channel 30/7/1990,	38,
42.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	60 offshore Jan A all year, 600 loafing on sandy cay in chain to S of Seghe 28/8/1990, 300 in Blanche Channel S of Munda,	4,18,21,38,
43.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	Lge flock Dec 2004, 500 at Munda Bar + 500 Blanche Channel 1990,	21,29,38,
44.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res bre	P, C in primary forest UC elsewhere	1,5,6,18,
45.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis vulcanorum</i>	Res bre	P,	1,6,
46.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisi</i>	End Bis-Sol	P, C in forest A throughout island	1,5,18,
47.	Red-knobbed Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera rufigula</i>	Res bre	P, A throughout Island, 1 on coast from boat Jul 1990,	1,5,18,38,
48.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	P, C near coast none inland, 14 obs from boat Noro-Munda 28 Aug, Some over Morovo Lagoon,	1,18,38,
49.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	P, Uncommon	1,5,6,
50.	Crested Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena crassirostris</i>	End Sol	Rare	1,
51.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i>	Res bre	Uncommon, C mainly in Primary Forest	1,5,6,18,
52.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Chalcophaps beccarii intermedia</i>	Res bre	P,	1,6,
53.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
54.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	A in lowlands, 3 crossing Morovo Lag from forested islets 28 Aug 1990, 30 on coast Noro-Munda 30 Jul 1990,	1,5,18,38,
55.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	P, A esp in lowlands	1,6,18,
56.	Finsch's Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschii tristrami</i>	Res bre	P,	1,5,6,
57.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i>	Res bre	P, A throughout,	1,5,6,18,
58.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, A in primary forest	1,5,6,18,
59.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	P, Pair obs once	1,5,6,18,
60.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus addendus</i>	Res bre	Abundant 5 spec. AMNH. UC in Summer,	1,5,6,3,13,
61.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Sum mig	4 Spec Mar 1904	18,
62.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>	Win mig	P, A in primary forest calls throughout year,	3,6,7,
63.	Buff-headed Coucal	<i>Eudynamys milo albidiventris</i>	End C Sol	Fairly common C in primary & sec forest	1,18,
64.	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba crassirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,5,18,
65.	White-throated Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus mystacalis nigripennis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
66.	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Vag	1 observed with swiftlets at Munda Airport 28 Dec 1996,	35.
67.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris</i>	Res bre	P, A over all habitats throughout year, 1 unsexed skin AMNH, many hundreds over islets near Noro 30 Jul 1990,	1,5,18,34,38,
68.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta becki</i>	Res bre	Abundant in all forests	1,5,18,

69.	Moustached Tree-Swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i>	Res bre	P, A adjacent to forests, 12 ad skins in Mus coll,	1,5,6,18,34,
70.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis salomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, C in Lembu & Mbareke S elsewhere,	1,5,18,
71.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla richardsi</i>	Res bre	P, A in mangroves and coastal Veg	1,18,
72.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus collectoris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,6,
73.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Res bre ?	P, S winter visitor	1,6,
74.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris alberti</i>	Res bre	C throughout year esp sec forest, Coll. ca. 1870. 1 @ Munda	1,5,8,18,24, 30,
75.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	P, S but widespread, 1 nr Buru 1990,	1,5,18,19,38,
76.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, only obs in winter but prob resident	1,5,8,18,
77.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus mendanae</i>	Res bre	P, Pairs obs a number of times, 1 over Marovo Lag E of Chea,	1,18,38,
78.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	A in open areas. Rec. 1920's, 3 nr Noro, 7 Buru Hbr 1990,	1,5,18,28,38,
79.	Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica kulambangrae</i>	Res bre	P, 7M5F Coll.	1,28,
80.	Barred Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina lineata ombriosa</i>	End Bis-Sol	P, Common in forest crown A in primary Forest,	1,5,18,
81.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis elegans</i>	Res bre	Common in open country A in open country, Descr of ssp,	1,5,18,36,
82.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris saturatior</i>	Res bre	Common P in primary and secondary Forests,	1,5,18,
83.	Solomon Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina holopolia pygmaea</i>	End Sol	UC Low altitudes C at High,	1,
84.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	Common near shore & habitation A in open areas, 1 @ Munda	1,5,15,18, 30,
85.	White-winged Fantail	<i>Rhipidura cockerelli albina</i>	End Sol	A in forest 25 spec. AMNH. A in secondary, C in Primary	1,5,15,18,
86.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons granti</i>	Res bre	C ? spec. AMNH. C in primary, secondary, UC in mangroves,	1,5,15,18,
87.	White-capped Monarch	<i>Monarcha richardsii</i>	End NGa Grp	Abundant in forest A in primary & secondary	1,5,18,
88.	Kulambangra Monarch	<i>Monarcha b. browni</i>	End NGa Grp	Common C in primary, less in secondary	1,5,18,33,
89.	Steel-blue Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ferrocyanea feminina</i>	End Sol	P, A in primary UC elsewhere	1,5,18,33,
90.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis centralis</i>	Res bre	P, 15+ spec taken 1928	1,10,32,
91.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarina jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	Common out of forest A in open spaces,	1,5,18,
92.	Central Solomons White-eye	<i>Zosterops rendovae kulabungrae</i>	End Sol	A, A everywhere except mangroves, 24M12F Coll. 1928	1,5,18,25,
93.	Yellow-vented Myzomela	<i>Myzomela e. eichhorni</i>	End Nga Grp	P, 6+ spec. AMNH C heard >10m,	1,5,6,14,18,
94.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	C in regrowth A in regrowth & villages, 6 at Munda Airport,	1,5,18,30,
95.	Brown-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis g. grandis</i>	End Sol	P, 6 coll. A in primary forest UC in villages,	1,5,11,18,
96.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica nitida</i>	Res bre	P, A everywhere, 11 in tall mangroves at W end of archipelago	1,5,18,38, 30/7/90,
97.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii krefftii</i>	Res bre	Abundant in forests	1,5,8,18,
98.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Prob intro but failed.	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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