

# Russell Islands (except Pavuvu) Bird Checklist

## (Russell Group Including Ufa)

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Puffinus leucomelas</i>	Sum mig	<50 offshore Feb 1998.	3,
2.	Wilson's storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	?	12 offshore Jul 1990.	3,
3.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vag	Rare	2,
4.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
5.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
6.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
7.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
8.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
9.	Solomon's Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
10.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
11.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
12.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	End Bis-Sol	P,	1,2,
13.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
14.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	1-5 every month except Aug 44/45.	7,8,
15.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	P, 1 bird on Ufa Feb-Apr. Early record,	7,9,
16.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	25-30 on sandy beaches Dec-Jan. 6-12 Sep-Mar. Singles all months except Aug.	7,
17.	Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	2, 17Dec, 5, 5Feb, 2, 24Mar 1944.	7,
18.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	24.4.1944 100 offshore. Flocks >12 Nov-Feb. Singles all months except May & Aug.	7,
19.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	1 heard 12 Apr 1944.	7,
20.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	Obs. every month except Jun & Jul. 1944 in secluded locales. 8-12 open beaches Oct-Apr.	7,
21.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	1-7 Sep-Apr 44-45. At Pond, beach and perched on Mangrove.	7,
22.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	1-2 Aug27-Apr4, 1944/5, 9 in 0.5km of reef Dec.	7,
23.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	1-4 birds 17Dec-15Apr 1944.	7,
24.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	4 Jun28 '44, 1 Jan1 '45, 3 Jan7th 45, 5 Feb5th '45.	7,
25.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	Res	2 ads off Nth coast 29 Jul 1990	6,11,
26.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	mig	1 in flock of noddies off N islands 29/7/90,	11,
27.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	22+ to SE of group 29/7/90,	11,
28.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	2 offshore Feb 1998.	4,
29.	Arctic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	5 prob offshore Feb 1998.	4,
30.	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Spr/aut mig	2 offshore Feb 1998.	4,
31.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
32.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	End Bis-Sol	P,	1,2,
33.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,

34.	Island Imperial (Grey) Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
35.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
36.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
37.	Cardinal Lory,	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,8,
38.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
39.	Finch's Pygmy-Parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschii</i>	Res bre	P,	2,6,
40.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i>	End Bis-sol	P,	1,2,
41.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
42.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
43.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	P,	2,
44.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>	Win mig	P,	2,
45.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Win mig	Coll BM,	8,
46.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
47.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
48.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
49.	Moustached Tree-Swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
50.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla</i> ( <i>Ceyx pusillus</i> )	Res bre	P,	1,
51.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
52.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win mig?	P,	2,
53.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
54.	Dollar Bird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Win Mig	P,	1,2,
55.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus</i>	Res	1 obs on 1 of N islands 29/7/90,	11,
56.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
57.	White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
58.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
59.	Chestnut-bellied Monarch	<i>Monarcha castaneiventris obscurior</i>	Res bre	P,	2,10,
60.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis papuvu</i>	Res bre	P, 5 Ad coll BM.	1,2,8,
61.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
62.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,
63.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>	Res bre	Coll. AMNH,	2,

## 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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