

Choiseul Island Systematic Bird Check List

Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	1 flew over from Ludurago 20.12.05,	29,
2.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	1 on Fish platform 24km off Posarae, 2 on debris 22km off, 1 10 km off Posarae 15.12.2005,s	29,
3.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax m. melanoleucos</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	C, 1 spec AMNH., 1 at Posarae 16.12.05,	1,13,29,
5.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata solomonensis</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,
6.	Rufous Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, 1+ spec. AMNH	1,4,15,
7.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis woodfordi</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,
8.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata robusta</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,5,
9.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1 at Posarae 16.12.05,	1,29,
10.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae bougainvillei</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,
11.	Imitator Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter i. imitator</i>	End Bou Ch Ys	Coll AMNH,UC,	1,17,26,
12.	Pied Goshawk	<i>Accipiter albogularis woodfordi</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, Coll for BM,	1,2,5,26,
13.	Solomons Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus s. sanfordi</i>	End	P, MC.	1,7,23,
14.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, Pr at Posarae 23.12.05,	1,29,
15.	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus papuanus</i>	Sum Mig	P, 1 seen = 2 nd record.	1,23,
16.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,5 coll. M coll by Meek 10 Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,25,38,
17.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P,	1,5,
18.	Woodford's Rail	<i>Nesoclopeus woodfordi immaculatus</i>	Uncertain	Uncertain	1,
19.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	P, Pairs heard Jan 1998	1,18,22,
20.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, 3 coll variable chest colour,	1,5,31,
21.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,
22.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	2 spec Oct. 2 on Posarae village lawn Dec 05,	1,11,29,
23.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	1 Coll 5 Oct 1929 AMNH,	1,31,
24.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	3 flew from Rob Roy 16.12.2005, 4 flew from Ludurago 20.12.05, M coll Sep 1929, F Nov 1927,	1,29,31,
25.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	3 spec Oct, Nov. 2 on Posarae village beach & lawn Dec 05,	1,11,29,
26.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	1 on village lawn or beach Posarae Dec 2005, 2F coll Sep & Oct 1929,	1,8,29,31,
27.	Swinhoe's Snipe (Chinese)	<i>Gallinago megala</i>	Sum mig	5 "snipe" seen Jan 1998.	18,
28.	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Vag	1 radiotracked close to NW coast Dec 06,	34,
29.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res bre	MC, 1 20 km Sth Posarae 15.12.2005, 5-8 feeding inshore at Posarae each morning 16-21 Dec 2005, 10 in SE Bay 16 Dec. 50 in another bay, 1 flew from Ludurago 20.12.05,	22,29,
30.	Superb Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1M1F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,38,
31.	Claret-breasted Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisi</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 3M coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,38,

32.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula r. rubricera</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH,	1,
33.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	4 in Posarae 16 th & 21 st .12.05 – hand-raised and semi tame. heard 4 on first half of climb up Mt Kalove, F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,29,38,
34.	Yellow-legged Pigeon	<i>Columba p. pallidiceps</i>	End Bis-Sol	Coll AMNH, 1 coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,38,
35.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,	1,5,
36.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, M2F coll by Meek Dec 1903,	1,5,38,
37.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii</i>	?	Obs 1997	18,
38.	Choiseul Crested Pigeon	<i>Microgoura meeki</i>	End Chois	3M3F1egg in Tring, No reliable sightings since 1904. V diff to Goura, Not located in coastal forests 1968 nor by the Whitney expd. 1927 & 1929. 3M2F coll Jan 1904 AMNH, 5 of 6 skins at Tring sold to AMNH in 1932, &1 to BM. Reports since 1920 that it still existed appear to result from confusion with Yellow-legged Pigeon. Local talk that the “pussy cat” helped exterminate it appear to be more correct.	1,5,17,20, 28,38,39,40,
39.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, M&F coll by Meek Jan 1904 AMNH,	1,5,38,
40.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta c. cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, C at Posarae Dec 2005, 3M coll by Meek Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,29,38,
41.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH,2 at Posarae 16 th 22 nd & 10 on 23 rd .12.2005, 2M2F1, coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,29,38,
42.	Finch's Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschii nanina</i>	End Bis-Sol	Coll AMNH, 3 feeding on bark one third of the way up Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 2F5M coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,29,38,
43.	Song Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, M&F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,38,
44.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua d. ducorpsi</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, MC on hills around Posarae Dec 05,	1,29,
45.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 4 seen 16.12.05, 2 seen 1 heard 21.12.05, 1 Mt Kalove 22.12.05,	1,29,
46.	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus lucidus</i>	Win Mig	1 F spec. coll Sep 1929,	1,3,
47.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1 heard Posarae 16 th 20 th 22 nd 23 rd 24 th 2 heard 21.12.05, 2M coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,29,38,
48.	Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig?	?	5,
49.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Sum mig	1 obs Feb or Mar.	23,
50.	Solomon Boobook Owl	<i>Ninox jacquinoti eichhorni</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, M coll 1903 by Meek, 3M3F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,2,5,38,
51.	Fearful Owl	<i>Nesasio s. solomonensis</i>	End Boug Ch Ys	Coll AMNH, 2F coll Jan 1904 AMNH,	1,5,38,
52.	Solomon Islands Frogmouth	<i>Rigidipenna inexpectata</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 3 F in Mus Coll. Dec 1903 –Jan 04,	1,5,30,38,
53.	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Rare Mig vagrant	1 circled our heads for 30 mins on Mt Kalove 22.12.05 seen there again 23.12.05,	1,
54.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris</i>	Res bre	1M skin AMNH, 8 on 16.12.05 & 60 on 21.12.05 at Posarae 5- 10 on Mt Kalove most of 23.12.05,	1,29,35,
55.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius reichenowi</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 10 obs Jan 1998.	1,18,
56.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta becki</i>	Res Bre	Coll AMNH, M3F2? Coll by Meek Jan 1904 AMNH,	1,5,38,
57.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i>	Res Bre	Coll AMNH, 9 Ad in Mus Coll, 2M2F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,35,38,
58.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis salomonensis</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1 or 2 at “Womens Point” Posarae Dec 05,	1,29,
59.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla bougainvillei</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, M2F coll by Meek Dec 03-Jan 1904,	1,5,38,
60.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus meeki</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, MC, 4M2F coll by Meek Dec 02 – Jan 1904,	1,5,38,
61.	Ultramarine Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus l. leucopygius</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 3M2F coll Dec 1903-Jan 04 AMNH,	1,5,19,38,

62.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Win Mig	Coll AMNH,	1,
63.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris alberti</i>	Res Bre	Coll AMNH, 1 at Posarae 16.12.05,	1,29,
64.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1 at Posarae 23.12.05, 2F coll Jan 1904 AMNH,	1,5,29,38,
65.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i>	Win Mig	Coll AMNH, 1 at Posarae 16 th 2 on 23 rd .12.05,	1,29,
66.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus mendanae</i>	Res Bre	Coll AMNH, 1 at Posarae, C on Mt Kalove behind Posarae 22.12.05,	1,10,29,
67.	Black-faced Pitta	<i>Pitta anerythra nigrifrons</i>	End Boug Ch & Is	Coll AMNH, 3M3F Coll Dec 1903-Jan 04 AMNH,	1,5,7,27,38,
68.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Coll 1927, AMNH, Rec.1920's, 2 with nest in Posarae 16.12.05, 2 sleeping on pole 200m from shore 20.12.05,	1,2,27,29,
69.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis perpallida</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 2 at Posarae 16.12.05, 4 seen 21.12.05, 2 slopes of Mt Kalove, ssp description, 3M coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,29,37,38,
70.	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina lineata nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, M&F coll Dec 1903-04 AMNH,	1,38,
71.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris saturator</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, Pr on Mt Kalove 22.12.05, \$M1F1? Coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,29,38,
72.	Solomon Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina h. holopolia</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, 7 coll. 1 on nest of cobwebs? On horiz branch at 4m Posarae 21.12.05, Pr on Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 3M coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,12,29,38,
73.	Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	End	Pair nesting in Posarae Village 16.12.05,	29,
74.	Russet-tailed Thrush	<i>Zosterops heinei lunulata choiseuli</i>	End Bis-Sol	R. Spec 1924 not seen since. Type = only rec. ImmF Coll 1904. Type Descr of F coll 13 Jan 1904, = only one in AMNH,	1,5,17,27,36, 38,
75.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	AMNH, 1 in Posarae Village Dec 05, F coll by Meek Jan 1904 AMNH,	1,5,16,29,38,
76.	White-winged Fantail	<i>Rhipidura cockerelli interposita</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, MC, 30 spec. AMNH 2M4F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,16,36,
77.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons commoda</i>	Res Bre	Coll AMNH, spec. AMNH 2F Coll Dec 1903 AMNH	1,5,16,36,
78.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH only on offshore islets, M&F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,27,38,
79.	Chestnut-bellied Monarch	<i>Monarcha castaneiventris castaneiventris</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, C, 3 seen Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 4M1F1? Coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,6,17,29,33, 38,
80.	Black and White Monarch	<i>Monarcha b. barbatus</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, MC, 2m Poss 1F Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 5M2F coll Dec 1903-Jan04,	1,6,17,29,33, 38,
81.	Steel-blue Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra f. ferrocyanea</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, 2M 1F on slopes of Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 2M3F Coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,5,6,29,33,38,
82.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis orioloides</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 48 spec taken 1920's, M seen + 3 heard Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 4M2F coll Dec 1903 – Jan 04 AMNH,	1,2,5,9,29,32, 38,
83.	Midget Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum aeneum aeneum</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, 1M2F coll 1927, 2M Coll., 2 on slopes of Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 3M3F coll Dec 1903-Jan 04 AMNH,	1,2,5,27,29,38,
84.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1 at Posarae 16 th 21 st .12.05, 2M2F coll Dec 03-Jan 1904 AMNH,	1,29,38,
85.	Yellow-throated White-eye	<i>Zosterops m. metcalfei /exigua</i>	End N&W Sol	Coll AMNH, 6M5F Coll. 1927. 2 near top of Mt Kalove 22.12.05, 3M3F coll Dec 1903 1F coll Nov 1927,	1,5,24,29,38,
86.	Scarlet-naped Myzomela	<i>Myzomela l. lafargii</i>	End N&W Sol	1M Coll 1927, M & F seen on Mt Kalove behind Posarae 22 Dec 2005, 5M1F1? Coll Dec 1903-Jan 04 AMNH,	1,2,5,14,29,38,
87.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis c. cantoroides</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, Coll, 2Ad1Im Posarae 16.12.05, 3 F2M coll Dec 1903 by Meek	1,2,5,29,38,
88.	Brown-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis g. grandis</i>	End Sol	Coll AMNH, 23 coll. Pr nesting in coconut on Posarae beach Dec 05, 2M2F coll by Meek Dec 1903,	1,5,12,29,38,

89.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica purpuriceps /nitida</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, M&F coll by Meek Dec 1903,	1,5,38,
90.	White-eyed Starling	<i>Aplornis b. brunneicapilla</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, 1 or 2 seen with flocks of Metallic Starlings in Nth.	1,23,
91.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii kreffti</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, Coll, MC in hills around Posarae Dec 05, 2MIF Coll 1903,	1,2,5,29,41,
92.	White-billed Crow	<i>Corvus woodfordi woodfordi/vegetus</i>	End Ch Ys Guad	UC. 11M 8F Coll. 1 heard call similar to Crow on New Britain above Posarae 21.12.05, M2F coll Dec 1903 AMNH,	1,2,5,6,17, 27,29,38,

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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