

# 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, in AMNH,   | 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,<br>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,             |

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|-----|-----------------------------|--|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 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, 1 in AMNH Coll,   | 4,5,18,38,39,       |
| 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, Lge flock Dec 2004, 500 at Munda Bar + 500 Blanche Channel 1990, | 4,18,21,38,         |
| 43. | Black Noddy                 | <i>Anous minutus minutus</i>               | Res         |  | 21,29,38,           |
| 44. | Superb Fruit-Dove           | <i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>              | Res bre     | P, C in primary forest UC elsewhere, 2M Coll 1904,   | 1,5,6,18,39,        |
| 45. | Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove    | <i>Ptilinopus solomonensis vulcanorum</i>  | Res bre     | P, M Coll 1904,  | 1,6,39,             |
| 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, UC, 2F2M Coll 1904,   | 1,5,6,39,           |
| 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, 2F Coll 1904,  | 1,5,6,18,39,        |
| 52. | Bronze Ground-Dove          | <i>Chalcophaps beccarii intermedia</i>     | Res bre     | P, M Coll 1904,  | 1,6,39,             |
| 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 Coll 1894,  | 1,5,18,38,39,       |
| 55. | Rainbow Lorikeet            | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>    | Res bre     | P, A esp in lowlands, 3M2F Coll 1904,  | 1,6,18,39,          |
| 56. | Finsch's Pygmy Parrot       | <i>Micropsitta finschii tristrami</i>      | Res bre     | P, F&M Coll 1904,  | 1,5,6,39,           |
| 57. | Ducorp's Cockatoo           | <i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i>                    | Res bre     | P, A throughout, M Coll 1904,  | 1,5,6,18,39,        |
| 58. | Eclectus Parrot             | <i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>       | Res bre     | P, A in primary forest, F Coll 1904, M coll. by Cotton & Webster for Tring, M&F now in AMNH,   | 1,5,6,18,39,40,     |
| 59. | Song (Singing) Parrot       | <i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>          | Res bre     | P, Pair obs once, 3M Coll 1904,  | 1,5,6,18,39,        |
| 60. | Brush Cuckoo                | <i>Cacomantis variolosus addendus</i>      | Res bre     | MC, A, 5 spec. AMNH. UC in Summer, 1F5M Coll 10/3-15/3/1904,   | 1,3,5,6,3,13,18,39, |
| 61. | Oriental Cuckoo             | <i>Cuculus saturatus</i>                   | Sum mig     | 4 Spec Mar 1904, 3M2F Coll 2/3-15/3/1904,  | 3,6,7,39,           |
| 62. | Eastern Koel                | <i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>        | Win mig     | P, A in primary forest calls throughout year,  | 1,18,               |
| 63. | Buff-headed Coucal          | <i>Eudynamys milo albidiventris</i>        | End C Sol   | Fairly common C in primary & sec forest  | 1,5,18,             |
| 64. | Barn Owl                    | <i>Tyto alba crassirostris</i>             | Res bre     | P,   | 1,5,                |
| 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 Coll by  | 1,5,18,34,38,39     |

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|-----|-----------------------------|---|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 68. | Glossy Swiftlet             | <i>Collocalia esculenta becki</i>         | Res bre     | Capt Webster Prob 1894,<br>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, 3F Coll 1904,                  | 1,5,6,18,34,39,     |
| 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, 3M3F Coll 1904,  | 1,6,39,             |
| 73. | Sacred Kingfisher           | <i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>             | Res bre ?   | P, S winter visitor, 2M1F Coll 1894, F2M Coll 10/3/1904,                          | 1,6,39,             |
| 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,<br>30, |
| 75. | Beach Kingfisher            | <i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>         | Res bre     | P, S but widespread, 1 nr Buru 1990, 1 Coll 1887,                                 | 1,5,18,19,38,39,    |
| 76. | Dollarbird                  | <i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i> | Res bre     | P, only obs in winter but prob resident. 3M3F Coll 1904,                          | 1,5,8,18,39,        |
| 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, C in forest crown A in primary Forest, M Coll 1894,                            | 1,5,18,39,          |
| 81. | White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike | <i>Coracina papuensis elegans</i>         | Res bre     | C in open country A in open country, Deser of ssp, 3M1F Coll 1904, F Coll 1894,   | 1,5,18,36,39,       |
| 82. | Slender-billed Cicadabird   | <i>Coracina tenuirostris saturator</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,<br>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 | A in forest A in primary & secondary, F coll by Capt Webster prob 1894,           | 1,5,18,39,          |
| 88. | Kulambangra Monarch         | <i>Monarcha b. browni</i>                 | End NGa Grp | Common C in primary, less in secondary  | 1,5,18,33,          |
| 89. | Island Monarch              | <i>Monarcha cinerascens</i>               | Res         | F Coll 1888,  | 39,                 |
| 90. | Steel-blue Flycatcher       | <i>Myiagra ferrocyanea feminina</i>       | End Sol     | P, A in primary UC elsewhere  | 1,5,18,33,          |
| 91. | Common Golden Whistler      | <i>Pachycephala pectoralis centralis</i>  | Res bre     | P, 15+ spec taken 1928  | 1,10,32,            |
| 92. | Yellow-bellied Sunbird      | <i>Nectarina jugularis flavigaster</i>    | Res bre     | Common out of forest A in open spaces,  | 1,5,18,             |
| 93. | Central Solomons White-eye  | <i>Zosterops rendovae kulabungrae</i>     | End Sol     | A, A everywhere except mangroves, 24M12F Coll. 1928, M Coll 1894, 2M2F Coll 1928, | 1,5,18,25,39,       |
| 94. | Yellow-vented Myzomela      | <i>Myzomela e. eichhorni</i>              | End Nga Grp | P, 6+ spec. AMNH C heard >10m, 4M Coll 1904,                                      | 1,5,6,14,18,39,     |
| 95. | Singing Starling            | <i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>               | Res bre     | C in regrowth A in regrowth & villages, 6 at Munda Airport,                       | 1,5,18,30,          |
| 96. | Brown-winged Starling       | <i>Aplornis g. grandis</i>                | End Sol     | P, 6 coll. A in primary forest UC in villages,                                    | 1,5,11,18,          |
| 97. | Metallic Starling           | <i>Aplornis metallica nitida</i>          | Res bre     | P, A everywhere, 11 in tall mangroves at W end of archipelago 30/7/90,            | 1,5,18,38,          |
| 98. | Yellow-faced Myna           | <i>Mino dumontii krefftii</i>             | Res bre     | Abundant in forests   | 1,5,8,18,           |
| 99. | 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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