

# Duff Island Bird Checklist

## Duff Group, Santa Cruz Isles, Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	?	1 offshore Nov 1997.	3,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res bre?	offshore and some close enough to suggest breeding	3,
3.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P	1,
4.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Res bre	1 seen in swamp forest Sep 1997.	3,
5.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	3 spec. Oct	2,
6.	Bristle-thighed Curlew	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	Sum mig	1 seen Sep 1997.	3,
7.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	1 off W coast Nov 1997.	3,
8.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyi</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
9.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
10.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Red bre	P,	1,
11.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis ornata</i>	Res bre	P,	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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