

Vanikolo (Vanikoro) Island Bird Checklist

Santa Cruz Group, Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	?	2 seen Sundi R. Apr 1957.	13,
2.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	In mangroves. 8 seen in 3 years	1,2,19,13,
3.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	3 seen Nov 1997	1,19,
4.	Pied Goshawk	<i>Accipiter albogularis sharpei</i>	Res bre	P,C and quite tame.	1,13,17,
5.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	?	2 seen in 3 years	13,
6.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Res bre	C in swamps and logged forest	13,
7.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Vag	2 observed June 1957.	13,
8.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum Mig	1 seen Nov 1997.	19,
9.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	2 spec Sep.Oct. 4 on house lawn Oct 1955.	6,13,
10.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	2 spec Dec.	6,
11.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum Mig	1 spec Sep. 1 Oct, 6 Mar on river.	6,13,
12.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	2 on reef Mar, and freshwater pool	13,
13.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum Mig	1 rec Jul 1955.	13,
14.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	1 bird Mar 1958.	13,
15.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi trougtoni</i>	Res bre	1M2F Coll.	1,16,
16.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Res bre	1 st rec 1965. 1 bird Jun 1955.	11,13,
17.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyi</i>	Res bre	Coll. 1920's	18,
18.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica pacifica</i>	Res bre	1 obs Aug 1955 & Jun 1958. Coll.	1,13,16,
19.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	<8/day Seen Nov 1997- recent Imm	1,19,
20.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	MC, 5 spec. AMNH	1,8,
21.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	P, 2 spec. AMNH 1 seen .	1,2,3,8,13,
22.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
23.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	1 spec coll. Jun 1958, M&F skins in AMNH,	1,13,20,
24.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	C in mangroves and gardens	13,
25.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	9 coll. 1926. C in lowland and regrowth forest.	1,7,13,
26.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
27.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons melanolaema</i>	Res bre	11+ spec. AMNH Commonest small bird in range of Habitats.	C1,10,13,15,
28.	Vanikoro Monarch	<i>Mayornis schistaceus</i>	End Vaniko	C. P. C 1955. Behav desc Jun 1955, C < 270m in forest & regrowth.	1,5,13,15,16,
29.	Vanikoro Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra vanikorensis vanikorensis</i>	End Vaniko	15 spec C but shy in Primary forest P in regrowth.	5,13,
30.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	8+ spec taken 1928. C & conspicuous in forest & regrowth.	1,4,13,
31.	Santa Cruz White-eye	<i>Zosterops gibbsi</i>	Res bre	mono-specific flock of 3 and 1 in mixed spp flock. Description,	14,21,
32.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	6+ spec. AMNH C in regrowth & gardens.	1,9,13,

33. Rusty-winged Starling *Aplornis zelandica* Res bre P, UC singly or groups 2-12 in low forests & plantations 1,13,

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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