

Three Sisters Islands Bird Checklist

(Malaupaina, Malaulalo, & Eliiti) San Cristobal Group

Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	Rare	4,
2.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	Common	4,
3.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	Rare	4,
4.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Res	UC, 5 in trees of shallow swamp Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	2,13,
5.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	P, Common	1,2,3,4,
6.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, C, C,	1 2,3,4,13,
7.	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Vag	P, Rare	2,4,
8.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, MC,	1,2,4,
9.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P, Common, 1 hatched eggshell 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,13,
10.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res bre	P, >10 Pairs	1,2,3,4,
11.	Solomon (Sanford's) Sea-Eagle,	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	Res bre	P, >4 pairs	1,2,3,4,
12.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Vag	Rare	4,
13.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, MP3pr,ML2pr,E2pr. 1 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	2,4,13,
14.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus ernesti</i>	Vag	P, Rare 1 coll Eliiti 1 Aug 1935.	2,4,10,
15.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P, Common	1,2,4,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis christophori</i>	Res bre	P, 3 seen Sep 1990.	1,2,7,
17.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus leucophrys</i>	Res bre	P, Uncommon, Common	2,3,4,
18.	Beach Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P, Approx 12 Breeding pairs, 11+ Malaulalo flying in flock at high tide 3 Sep 1990,	2,4,13,
19.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	Common	4,
20.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Common	4,
21.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	P	4,
	Lesser Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	1 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	13,
22.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	Common	4,
23.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	C,	4,
24.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	C, 13 on silty Beach Malaupaina & grassland on Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	4,13,
25.	Bristle-thighed Curlew	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	Sum mig	2 spec from Malo Lalo Oct 1935, BM.	7,
26.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Common	4,
27.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Sum mig	C,	4,
28.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	C,	4,6,
29.	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Sum mig	C,	4,
30.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	C, 1 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	4,13,
31.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	Common	4,
32.	Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	Sum mig	Rare	4,

33.	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Sum mig	Rare	4,
34.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	MC, 1930's	4,
35.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Sum mig	MC,	4,
36.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sum mig	MC, 1930's	4,
37.	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum.</i>	Sum Vag	Rare	4,
38.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii bangsi</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	4,
39.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Mig	1 in flock of noddies off N coast 29 Jul 1990,	13,
40.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res bre	Common	4,
41.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana sumatrana</i>	Res bre	C, 3 by Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	4,13,
42.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res/mig	35 offshore 29 Jul 1990,	13,
43.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res/mig	8 offshore 29 Jul 1990,	13,
44.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	C, 20 off S of Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990, 10 off N coast Sep 1997, 1 off N coast Oct 1997,	4,13,14,
45.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	100 c 30 Brown Nod Off S of Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990, 300 off N coast Sept & 120 Oct 1997,	13,14,
46.	Silver-capped Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus richardsii</i>	End Sol	A, 2 on Malaupaina 7 on Malaulalo in 2 ^o scrub & littoral forest	2,3,4,5,13,
47.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. solomonensis</i>	Res bre	MC,	2,3,4,
48.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis eugeniae</i>	Res bre	Rather rare	2,4,5,
49.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera rufigula</i>	Res bre	V Common	2,3,4,
50.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	MC, 6 flying over Malaulalo prob this spp,	2,3,4,13,
51.	Chestnut-bellied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula brenchleyi</i>	End Cen Sol	Rare, MC,	2,3,4,
52.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	Common	3,4,
53.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	P, Rare,	2,4,
54.	Crested Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena crassirostris</i>	End Sol	P, breeder, otherwise common	2,4,
55.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i>	Res bre	MC, 3 in short grass Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	2,4,13,
56.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Chalcophaps beccarii solomonensis</i>	End Sols	Rare	2,4,
57.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P, Breeds on E, Common	2,3,4,
58.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	1 seen 3 Sep 1990.	2,7,13,
59.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
60.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>	Win mig	P, widespread, C, 2 obs Malaulo 3 Sep 1990,	1,2,3,4,13,
61.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	P, Common	2,3,4,
62.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica crassirostris</i>	Res bre	Rare	1,2,4,
63.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris</i>	Res bre	C, 1 obs 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,13,
64.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta makirensis</i>	Res bre	P, Br Cave on E.	1,2,3,4,
65.	Moustached Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>	Res	2 obs Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	13,
66.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Resbre/Win mig	P, Clutch of 3, 1 obs Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,13,
67.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris sororum</i>	Res bre	C, 3 obs Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	1,2,3,4,13,
68.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	Common	1,2,3,4,
69.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, Sporadic Breeder,	2,4,
70.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C, 2 on Malaulalo 2 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	1,2,4,13,
71.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	A, 20 on Malaulalo, 4 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	1,3,4,11,13,
72.	Chestnut-bellied Monarch	<i>Monarcha castaneiventris ugiensis</i>	End Sol	C, 7 on Malaulalo 5 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,5,12,13,
73.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	C on coast, UC 4 on Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,5,13,
74.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis pulcherrima</i>	Res bre	C, A, 50+ on Malaulalo 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,13,
75.	Noisy Miner	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	Intro	Did breed Apparently died out.	4,7,
76.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	C, C 60 on Malaulalo & 30 on Malaupaina 3 Sep 1990,	2,3,4,5,13,

77.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus nitida</i>	Res bre	Common	1,2,3,4,
78.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Prob intro 1930's still there 1990's, 20 Malaulaina 3 Sep 1990,2,4,13,	

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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