

Ambae (Aoba) Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae leucosternos</i>	Res bre	Rec < 2002, Coll 1927-1930 AMNH, P 1927,	1,2,8,9,20,
2.	Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri gunax</i>	Res bre	Possibly this species that breeds in mtns,	1,
3.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Vagrant	Obs in Lolowai area,	1,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	Uncommon-Common, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, P 1927,	1,2,3,8,20,
5.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927, 1 duckling coll 1927,	1,8,20,22
6.	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
7.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Res?	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	8,
8.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	P 1927, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	3,8,
9.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	8,20,
10.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	8,
11.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
12.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre V	Common-Uncommon, Obs., between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
13.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva fulva</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	5,8,
14.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana incana</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	8,
15.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	P, Common all over island 2001, P 1927, Coll 1927,	1,6,7,20,22,
16.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	Res bre	P, C all over island 2001, P 1927,	1,2,6,7,20,
17.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	End Van	Common-Uncommon, P 1927,	1,2,20,
18.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	C in W & SW of island 2001, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,6,8,20,
19.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
20.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C in mature and modified forest 2001, Obs. between 2000-06, 18 skins examined from Ambae,	1,6,8,20,22,
21.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
22.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
23.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Chamosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 5 spec 1927, AMNH,	1,8,17,20,
24.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win Mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	8,
25.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Sum mig	Common	1,
26.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	Common, P 1927,	1,20,
27.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927, 3M2F skins AMNH,	1,8,20,26,
28.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Spec AMNH, P,	1,8,19,20,
29.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,9,20,
30.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	8,20,
31.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	C, Obs., between 2000 & 2006, P,	1,2,8,11,
32.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	C., Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
33.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,20,
34.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis correiae</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2+ coll Jan 1927 AMNH, Host to bronze Cuckoo,	1,8,11,12,

35.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor ambrnensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs., between 2000 & 2006, P 1927,	1,8,16,
36.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Res bre	Obs between 2002 & 2006, 13 spec taken 1928 AMNH, P,	1,2,8,13,20,
37.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i>	Res bre	C. P in forests, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,2,8,25,
38.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Coll 1920's AMNH,	1,8,14,25,
39.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	C, Obs. between 2002 & 2007, 4+ coll. 1920's.	1,2,8,11,15,
40.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C. in open & closed forests, Obs between 2000 & 2006,	1,2,8,24,
41.	Streaked (Spotted) Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C P in thick bush, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 spec AMNH,	1,2,8,20,24,27,
42.	Vanuatu Mountain Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Vanu	C., Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 12 Spec AMNH,	1,2,8,18,20,
43.	Dark-brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre V, R	Common-Uncommon	1,
44.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2002 & 2007, Spec AMNH,	2,8,18,20,
45.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons perplexa</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P,	1,2,8,21,
46.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,8,20,
47.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	UC, 5 spec coll. 1928, P,	1,10,20
48.	Red-Headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i>	Res bre	Uncommon, P,	1,2,20
49.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandica rufipennis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P,	1,2,8,20,
50.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,20,

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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