

Ambrym Island Bird Checklist

Epi Group, Vanuatu Nth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	obs > 2002,	31,
2.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	9 to East 19 Nov 2004,	30,
3.	Vanuatu Petrel	<i>Pterodroma occulta</i>	Res	1 to East 19 Nov 2004,	30,
4.	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna carneipes</i>	Res	2 to east 19 Nov 2004,	30,
5.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	120 to east 19 Nov 2004,	30,
6.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>	Res	Common Nov 2004,	30,
7.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	1 bird 7.62, Obs since 2002,	9,31,
8.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor minor</i>	Res	1 bird 7.62	9,
9.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	22,31,
10.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
11.	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	?	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
12.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco Peregrinus</i>	Res?	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
13.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	22,31,
14.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Reduced due to increasing Pigs & cats P 1877, Obs. between 2000-06,	10,11,22,31,
15.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Chicks Nov 2004, Obs. Between 2002 & 2007,	1,4,22,30,31,
17.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon	1,4,
18.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
19.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
20.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	15 birds 7.62, Uncommon 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	9,11,24,31,
21.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	1 offshore Nov 2004,	30,
22.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba alba</i>	Res	1 offshore Nov 2004,	30,
23.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	1 coll 1877, 1F coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	11,12,22,28,31,
24.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Common. Coll. 1920's, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	11,22,29,31,
25.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon 1 F Coll. Obs. Since 2002,	1,4,10,22,28,31,
26.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	A 1877, MC Nov 2004,	11,22,30,
27.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Res bre	C-UC, C 1877, In Litt. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,11,22,28,31,
28.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C. 6 skins examined. 1 obs Nov 2004,	1,4,22,28,30,
29.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1977, 2M Coll. C Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,4,11,22,28,30,31,

30.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	Common, VC Nov 2004,	1,4,22,30,
31.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	Common UC, 2 coll. 1899.	1,4,22,26,
32.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis pyrrhophanus schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	Common 1 spec. AMNH	1,8,19,22,
33.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win mig	Common, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,7,11,22, 31,
34.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win Mig	Rare 1 coll Aug. Feathers in hair c 1872,	5,11,18,
35.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	Common 2 seen 1899. Obs between 2002 & 2007,	1,4,22,25,31,
36.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	Common No recs last 20 years. Obs 1877, P Nov 2004,	1,2,4,11,22, 30,
37.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, P Nov 2004,	11,22,30,
38.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	Obs 1877, P, P Nov 2004, 1M1F skin AMNH,	11,22,30,35,
39.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	Common Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,3,4,22,30, 31,
40.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	Obs 1877 in forest, grasslands & beaches,	11,
41.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. 2000 & 2006,	1,4,31,
42.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	Common in forests	1,4,10,
43.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga similima</i>	Res bre	3 coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	22,25,31,
44.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	Common Obs 1877, 7 coll.. 1926.	1,4,11,18,
45.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor ambrynsensis</i>	Res bre	Common M coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,15,22, 26,31,
46.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis brunneipectus/intacta</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,4,10,11, 14,22,28,32,
47.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i>	Res bre	Common in forest	1,4,10,34,
48.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, 2/3 seen Nov 2004,	1,4,10,11, 22, 30,34,
49.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	Common near coast,	1,4,6,10,11, 22,
50.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	Common in open & closed forest 3 spec. AM 1 seen 2004,	1,10,21,22, 30,33,
51.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C. P. in thick bush 2 spec. AMNH. Obs. between 2000 & 06,	1,4,10,21, 22,28,33,36,
52.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis corraiae</i>	Res bre	Common Host to bronze Cuckoo, Heard Nov 2004, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,7,13,22, 30,31,
53.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Vanu	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,10,20, 22,31,
54.	Dark-Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon 1+ spec. AMNH, VC Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,4,10,20, 22,30,31,
55.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Fairly common Spec. AMNH. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	10,20,22,31,
56.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons perplexa</i>	End Vanu	C. Coll. Aug 1926, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,10,11,31, 22,27,
57.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, Coll. Aug 1926. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,11,22,27,31,
58.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	Common 1 spec 1926. 1 M coll 1899.	1,4,5,10,16, 22,25,26,
59.	Red-Headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i>	Res bre	C,U	10,22,
60.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i>	Res bre	Common 1F Coll. 1899.	1,10,22,26,
61.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	10,11,22,31,

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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