

Aneityum Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pterodroma rostrata becki/trouessarti?</i>	Res	1 st record for Vanuatu 1961,	1,
2.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	1 spec 28 Feb 1859, Leiden Mus. 4 spec in Brit Mus. 1 coll Mar 1859, 3 undated in BM by MacGillivray,	1,35,
3.	Antarctic Prion	<i>Pachyptila desolata</i>	Vag	“At see near Vanuatu” – presumed near to Aneitium.	1,
3.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	28,
4.	Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri gunax</i>	Res bre	1 Spec Coll onshore 18 Jan 1860, BMNH,	1,
5.	Polynesian Storm-Petrel	<i>Nesofregatta fuliginosa</i>	Res	4 spec coll 11 Jan 1860 (BMNH) 2 coll 16 Jan 1860 (Aus Mus) 1 coll 18 Jan 1860 (Leiden Mus),	1,35,
6.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	9,21,28,
7.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor minor</i>	Res	Males obs,	1,
8.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel ariel</i>	Res	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	28,
9.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vagrant	Two flocks arrived early 1952, only 10 survived hunting after 18 months, they were eventually eaten, last one recorded 28 Feb 1953.	1,23,
10.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Vagrant	Imm obs & Coll <1990 poss from Lifou, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,28,
11.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	UC-C, Obs 1971, Obs. (Grey) June 2007,	1,3,9,20,24, 29,
12.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus vigilax</i>	Res bre	C. Rare, 1 coll 1870s, Obs. Over cleared land & in isolated trees 1971.Obs since 2002,	1,3,8,7,20, 24,28,
13.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falcon peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon	1,3,20,
14.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	Obs over grasslands, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	20,24,
15.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	Common, P. P. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,3,8,20,27,28,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C. P. 1971.	1,3,9,20,24,
17.	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis tabuensis</i>	Vagrant R	Uncommon	1,3,5,7,18,
18.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre V	Common-Uncommon. P. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,3,9,20,24,28,
19.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	7,9,28,
20.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	Fairly Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	7,28,
21.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa japonica</i>	Sum mig	Common, Abundant, Obs between 2002 & 2006,	7,9,28,
22.	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Sum vag	Rare	9,
23.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig.	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	28,
24.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	Fairly common	7,
25.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Fairly Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	7,28,
26.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	28,
27.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	7,28,
28.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata acuminata</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	28,

29.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	Uncommon 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	8,22,28,
30.	Tanna Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	Now rare	1,3,20,
31.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	20,24,28,
32.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica pacifica</i>	Res bre	Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971. In Litt. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	20,24,27,28,
33.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldi</i>	Res bre	Obs in Anelcauhat regrowth 1971 In Litt. Obs. 2000 – 2006,	20,24,27,28,
34.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971. 1M coll.	6,9,20,24,27,
35.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Res bre	A. Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971. Obs. June 2007,	9,20,24,29,
36.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	Common. P. 1971.	1,3,6,20,24,
37.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	Now rare	1,20,
38.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	Res bre	Juv Coll, May, Jun, Nov-Jan. Some being fed by Pacific Robin.	5,
39.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win mig	Coll 1920's & 1930's, Now Uncommon	1,
40.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	Common Uncommon, Obs between 2002 & 2007,	1,6,20,28,
41.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971 & 20-100 in sea cave at Ichepthav, <20 in Neirenha & Man Nicherei Caves, MC June 2007, 1M 3? Skins BM,	1,6,20,24,29,32,
42.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius ingens</i>	Res bre	Common No rec last 20 years, 1F skin AMNH,	1,3,6,20,32,
43.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	C.	1,3,20,
44.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	C. Lge series coll 1870's, 3 netted in old forest regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,3,6,8,11,22,24,28,
45.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	P, Sev coll 1870s,	6,8,
46.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C. 6 nests in cave at Ichepthav Aug 1937. 2 obs Jun 2007,	1,3,20,24,29,
47.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	Common	1,3,
48.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	C. 2 coll. Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2M 1F coll by Layard 1880,	4,6,16,20,24,28,34,
49.	Streaked (Spotted) Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	MC 3 spec. BM.	1,3,19,31,33,
50.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	Obs. In old forest regrowth 1971. C Jun 2007,	20,24,29,31,
51.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica melanura</i>	Res bre	6 netted in old forest regrowth 1971. C. June 2007,	6,13,20,24,29,
52.	Pacific Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor similis</i>	Res bre	7 netted in old forest regrowth 1971. Obs., between 2000-2006,	6,14,20,24,29,
53.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis cucullata</i>	Res bre	4 spec taken 1928, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, netted in old forest regrowth 1971.	6,12,20,28,24,24,30,
54.	Yellow-fronted White-Eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons</i>	Res bre	C. 30 netted in old forest regrowth 1971. 1m1F coll. Jun 1926. C. Jun 2007,	1,3,6,10,20,24,26,29,
55.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Res bre	4 seen with 8 <i>flavifrons</i> June 2007,	29,
56.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Vanu	Common	1,3,
57.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	MC 2 spec. AMNH. 5 netted in old forest regrowth 1971. C. (Juv with light fawn belly) Jun 2007, M coll by Layard 1881,	1,3,6,9,10,17,20,24,29,34,
58.	Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea cabaret</i>	Vagrant	Uncommon	1,
59.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	Common	1,3,7,20,
60.	Red-headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens serena</i>	Res bre	Common-UC in grassy montane patches. Coll. Feb 1860.	1,2,3,15,20,25,
61.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	C. P,	1,7,20,24,

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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