

Efate (Vate, Sandwich) Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu, Nth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae leucosternos</i>	B	P, Rec since 2002,	1,8,29,44,
2.	Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Res	1 Beachwashed spec Jun 1926	1,14,
3.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	1 spec 4 Jun 1926 AMNH,	1,
4.	Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Vag	Immatures observed off coast.	1,
5.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	MC off NE in Nov 2002,	8,31,45,
6.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	Poss thousands migrating W-E off N coast 21-22 Sep 1985, C Nov 2004,	1,42,
7.	Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri gunax</i>	Res bre	Spec taken near Malapoa AMNH and on beach near Vila 1973,	1,8,31,
8.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Vag?	Several obs at Little Duck Lake,	1,
9.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	1 st yr bird recovered off Devil's Point 13 May 1982 – banded Phillip Island NI,	1,31,
10.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res	Imm on east coast 16 Aug 1988,	1,31,
11.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel ariel</i>	Res	3 close to shore in association with cyclones Bola & Dovi 1988,	1,8,31,
12.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	UC, 4 spec AMNH. Obs 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, MC on coastal inlets Nov 2002, 12 km up Apuna R.	1,8,23,29,34, 44,45,
13.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	1 obs at Duck Lake 18 Sep 1983, & at Teouma 1985,	1,
14.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,
15.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Res bre	UC, 1 obs 1877, Imm M coll. Jul 1889. Obs. over forests and cleared areas MC Nov. 2002. 2 obs. Jun 2007,	8,9,29,33,34, 45,46,
16.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon, Obs since 2002,	9,44,
17.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res bre	Common –Uncommon, 2 Obs. Nov 2002,	1,13,29,45,
18.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	C Duck Lake 1983. 1 coll. Obs., 2000 - 2006, 1 obs. Nov 02, C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,8,29,34,44, 45,
19.	Hardhead,	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,8,29,44,
20.	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons</i>	Vag	Rare	8,29,
21.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Reduced due to increasing pigs & cats 4 coll 1877, 11 spec. AMNH Obs 1971 in forests. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,6,8,9,10,34, 44,
22.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	P 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 8 coll 1926,	8,34,44,47
23.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs in short roadside veg. 1971. Obs. Between 2002 & 07, MC Nov. 2002,	1,29,34,44, 45,
24.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus tannensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,
25.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	UC-C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 Obs. Nov 2002,	1,29,44,45,
26.	South Island Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus finschi</i>	Vag	1 bird obs 29 Sep 1983 at Vila,	1,
27.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Sum mig	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, C on fields & coast Nov 2002,	1,18,44,45,
28.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	R. 1 Nov 2002,	45,
29.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	MC, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, MC Nov 02,	1,18,44,45,

30.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa japonica</i>	Sum mig	MC near Vila,	1,18,
31.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	MC at Bauerfield & Mele Beach, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 1 at Le Meridien Resort Nov,	1,44,45,
32.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incanus</i>	Sum mig	MC. 2 Coll. Mar. 1929. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 Nov 02 at Beachcomber,	8,18,41,44,45,
33.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Records on coast, 1 of sev Sep 2005 flagged from Hokkaido,	1,49,
34.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 Beachcomber resort Nov 02,	8,18,44,45,
35.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Vag	1 reported in Vanuatu island ? < 1989,	1,
36.	Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>	Sum mig	1 obs by John Edge,	1,
37.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata acuminata</i>	Sum mig	Few in fields to White Sands Country Club Nov 02,	18,45,
38.	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Sum mig	1 obs Mele Bay 1988,	1,
39.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	1 obs on floating platforms in lagoon at Port Vila,	1,
40.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	2 seen near Vila early 1988, 1 Nov 1988 Mele Bay, 2 Port Vila for several weeks 1989,	1,
41.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Vag	1 obs Malapoa Pt, Pt Vila Feb 2007,	44,49,
42.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	C, MC 1877, 1 Nov 02, 2 obs 5km W of Efate & 1 in Pt Vila June 2007,	8,9,18,45,46,
43.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana sumatrana</i>	Res	Breeding on islets off N Efate in May,	1,
44.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	1 bird exhausted after cyclone Odette Jan 1985,	1,
45.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	C.@ large figs 1 coll 1877, Obs Narabut but not Tagabe 1971, 10M5F Col,	8,9,29,34,39,
46.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	9 coll 1877 LC, 1 immF Coll. 1899. Obs at 2 forests 1971. Coll. 1920's 1 Coll. Mar 1929. C in Vila 2005, MC 2002, Obs Jun 2007,	9,10,29,33,34,40,41,43,45,46,
47.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica pacificus</i>	Res bre	A & 2 coll 1877. VC in fruiting trees Narabut 1971. Coll. 12 in 1 R'forest trees Nov 02, LC Jun 2007,	9,29,34,39,45,46,
48.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	End N.Vanu	Common-Uncommon	1,
49.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldi</i>	Res bre	MC 2 coll 1877, VC in fruiting trees Narabut 1971, 1M coll. 2 NW Nov 02,	10,29,34,39,45,
50.	[Rock Dove Emerald Dove	<i>Columba livia</i> <i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Intro Res bre	Captive or wild? Nov 2002, 6 coll 1877, C. 2 netted at 2 forest sites 1971. 4F Coll. C on Lawn in Vila Aug. 2005. C Nov 2002, F coll by Layard Jul 1877, In Narabut forest but not Tagabe 1971. 4 skins examined. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	45] 9,10,29,34,39,43,45,55,
51.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	5 coll 1877, Obs at 1 forest site 1971, VC Nov 2004, C, obs 1877, First flock "for 30 years" appeared 1878, F coll by Richards May 1879,	10,29,34,39,44,
52.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	Common 7 spec. AMNH, F coll by Correia 24 Jun 1926,	1,6,25,29,55,
53.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	Rare 1 rec. 1 coll 1877, Jun. 1877	1,9,21,
54.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877,	9,
55.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamis taitensis</i>	Win Mig	1 obs 1877., 2 obs in NE daytime Nov 2002,	9,29,45,
56.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win Mig	1 coll 1877, No recs 1979-99.	9,29,30,
57.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	C 1coll 1877, 3 spec AMNH. F coll Havannah Hbr 1899. Obs at 1 site '7 P Nov 2004, C Vila Aug, 2005, UC Vila Jun 07,	9,19,27,29,33,34,40,43,46,52,
58.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877, P, Obs. at both forest study sites 1971 <20 birds in cave on Malatao R. P Nov 2004, C Jul 05, A June 2007, 5M	9,29,34,40,43,46,52,
59.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus v. vanikorensis</i>	Res bre		
60.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre		

61.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	2F2? Skins AMNH, C. 6 netted at one, and 1 at other forest study site 1971, Obs. 2,10,12,29,34, between 2002 & 2006, C in wooded areas Nov 02, Obs Jul 2008 30,44,45,54,
62.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	4 Coll 1870's obs in forest, grasslands and beaches, 9,10,
63.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo Tahitica</i>	Res bre	3 coll 1877, Uncommon, 9,10,29,45,
64.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res	MC in forests, 1 coll 1877, 5 coll. Jul 1926. Obs at one site 4,8,9,22,29,34, 1971. 1 Vila 05, 43,
65.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877, 2 coll. Jul 1926. Ad coll 1899. P. 1971. Obs. 4,9,22,29,33, between 2000 & 2006, Widespread Nov 2002, 1 obs Jul 2008, 34,44,45,54,
66.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis correiae</i>	Res bre	Common 1,
67.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C in open & dense bush 6+ Spec. AMNH, P. 1971, C in wooded 1,8,28,29,34, areas with young Nov 02, 45,50,
68.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C,P in thick bush 6+ spec. AMNH. 7 & 2 netted in forest 1971 1,8,28,29,34, 1 obs NW Nov 02, 45,53,
69.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	C on coast, 1 & 7 netted at 2 study sites 1971. Obs 2002-07, 5,8,9,19,29,34, 44,
70.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides griseus</i>	Res bre	C. 12 Males in Museums. F coll 1899. 1 netted at one of forest 1,16,29,33,34, sites 1971. 37,51,
71.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C, 4 coll 1877, in forest. 2 netted at one sit and obs at other 1,8,10,9,17,29, forest 1971. P Nov 2004, MC Nov 02, MC in forest edges Jun 34,40,45,46,51, 2007,
72.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor feminina</i>	Res bre	C. 1-2 caught in net 1971. 1,29,34,48,
73.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus efatensis</i>	Res bre	15 coll. Jun 1926. 2 & 7 netted at 2 forest sites 1971. 24,29,34,
74.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i>	Res bre	C, 6 coll 1877, 29 spec taken 1928. 2 & 8 netted in forests 1,8,9,10,10,15, 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, C among trees Nest 18 Nov 29,34,44,45,48, 2002,
75.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops f. flavifrons efatensis</i>	End Vanu	C. 1 coll 1877 1M coll. 1899. 12 netted at 1 site Obs at other 1,8,9,11,29,33, 1971. 10 coll. 1926. 1 Coll. 1929. Vila Aug 05, VC in forest & 34,38,41,43, town edges Jun 2007, M coll Dec 1926, 46,55,
76.	Silvereeye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>	Res bre	C. 2 coll 1877, 3 netted at one site 1971. Coll. 1878. coll Jun/1,9,29,34,36, Jul 1926, 1-11 Coll. 1929. Vila Aug 05, VC in forest Jun 07, 38,41,43,46,
77.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	Res bre	Common. 2MIF coll. 1899. 1,33,
78.	Dark Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	C. 8+ spec AMNH, UC in Flw Bch shrubs, obs at both forest 8,9,10,26,29, sites 1971. 1-2 Coll. 1929. A Vila, Aug 05, A c fledl Nov 02, 34,41,43,45,
79.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	MC Obs 1877, 6+ spec. AMNH. F coll. 1899. Obs at one 1,8,9,11,26,29, of forest sites 1971. 2 in Vila Jun 2007, 33,34,46,
80.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	C. 20 spec 1926. 4 coll 1899. Sm flocks on cleared areas 1971. 1,3,8,20,29,32, Few seen E Nov 02, 33,34,45,
81.	Red-Headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens efatensis</i>	Res bre	C-UC 26 spec 1926. UC Grassy gaps Montane Forest 1,3,8,20,29,30,
82.	Red-throated Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura psittacea</i>	Intro	Escapees sighted in Port Vila 1960's and 70's. 30,
83.	Red-billed Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Intro	P. 1971, 20 obs Port Vila Jul 2008, 8,34,54,
84.	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	Self Intro -Fiji	Sm flock obs 1988, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 30,44,
85.	Red-browed Firetail	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>	Into?	Sm flock Port Vila 1988, 30,
86.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	Well established in Vila. P. 1971. Mainly in Villa Nov 02, 8,34,45,46, MC in Vila & Wharf Jun 2007,
87.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i>	Res bre	C. Desc for this island. 1,29,36,

88.	Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Common. P . 1971. C Vila Aug 2005, A Nov 2002, C in Vila June 2007,	8,34,43,45,46,
89.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	C . 7 coll 1877, Ad coll . 1899. Obs. at one forest site 1971. C Nov 2002, UC in Pt Vila Jun 2007,	8,9,10,29,32,33,34,45,46,

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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