

Malekula (Mallicolo) Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu Nth

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
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| 1. | Australian Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i> | Res | Obs > 2002, | 38, |
| 2. | Short-tailed Shearwater | <i>Ardenna tenuirostris tenuirostris</i> | Res | Common Nov 2004, | 26,36, |
| 3. | Audubon's Shearwater | <i>Puffinus lherminieri gunax</i> | Res bre | 1 rec of 2 birds, | 10,12,26, |
| 4. | Brown Booby | <i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i> | Res | 1 obs Bougainville Str 7.62 | 11,26, |
| 5. | Lesser Frigatebird | <i>Fregata ariel ariel</i> | Res | Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 12,26,38, |
| | White-tailed Tropicbird | <i>Phaethon lepturus</i> | Res | 1 obs 23.7.1962 from submarine in Bougainville Str, | 11, |
| 6. | Eastern Reef Egret | <i>Egretta sacra</i> | Res bre | C in mangroves 1M 1 imm Coll.1899. Obs 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 25,27,28,29, 38, |
| 7. | Striated Heron | <i>Butorides striatus diminutus</i> | Res bre | MC, C in mangroves 1 F juv Coll.1899. P. 1971.P. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,25,27,28,29, 38 |
| 8. | Swamp Harrier | <i>Circus approximans approximans</i> | Res bre | P over forests & cleared areas 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 06, | 25,29,38, |
| 9. | Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus nesiotis</i> | Res bre | Common, U, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,25,38, |
| 10. | Pacific Black Duck | <i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i> | Res bre | A few coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 25,27,38, |
| 11. | Red Jungle Fowl | <i>Gallus gallus</i> | Intro? | P. 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 31,38, |
| 12. | Buff-banded Rail | <i>Gallirallus philippensis</i> | Res bre | C. Obs in grassy scrub Port Stanley, Mangroves & tall grass 71 Obs. 2002-2007, | 1,4,25,29, 38, |
| 13. | Vanuatu Scrubfowl | <i>Megapodius layardi</i> | Res bre | 2 spec. AMNH Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 8,9,12,25,38, |
| 14. | Purple Swampphen | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i> | Res bre,V | C, UC. 1 F. Coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,25,27, 28,29,38, |
| 15. | Pacific Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i> | Sum mig | Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 38, |
| 16. | Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus variegates</i> | Sum mig | Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 38, |
| 17. | Wandering Tattler | <i>Heteroscelus incanus incanus</i> | Sum mig | Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 38, |
| 18. | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Sum mig | Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 38, |
| 19. | Crested Tern | <i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i> | Res | 4 birds 7.62, Common, P 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 11,12,13, 38, |
| 20. | Black-naped Tern | <i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i> | Res | Obs towards Maskelynes, | 1,4,10,12, |
| 21. | Sooty Tern | <i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i> | Res | 300 off West | 10, |
| 22. | Pomarine Skua | <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i> | ? | 1 rec | 10, |
| 23. | Arctic Skua | <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> | ? | 2 rec | 10, |
| 24. | Tanna Fruit-Dove | <i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i> | End Vanu | Local. Obs Nokovula forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 12,13,25, 29,38, |
| 25. | Red-bellied Fruit-Dove | <i>Ptilinopus greyii</i> | Res bre | 1 coll 1877, 2M1Juv Coll. 1899. Netted in 2 forests 1971. Coll. 1920's 2 Coll. Mar 1929, Obs. between 2000&06, | 13,25,28,29, 34,35,38,39, |
| 26. | White-throated Pigeon | <i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i> | Res bre | C_UC, C 1877, P. 1971. 1M2F Coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,13,25,29, 33,38, |
| 27. | Pacific Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula p. pacifica</i> | Res bre | A 1877, A 1899. 2F Coll. 1899. P. 1971. Obs. between | 13,25,27,28, |

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| 28. | Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove | <i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i> | Res bre | 2000 & 2006, C C 1899. M Coll. 1899. In vine forest but not mangroves 1971 Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 29,33,38, 1,4,25,27,28, 29,33,38, |
| 29. | Emerald Dove | <i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i> | Res bre | C. Obs 1877, C in forest clearings, 1 M Coll.1899, 1 & 5 netted 1971, 1M Coll. 1-3 Coll. Mar 1929. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 1,4,13,25, 27,28,29,33, 35,38, |
| 30. | Rainbow Lorikeet | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i> | Res bre | C 1899. 1 obs at 1 of 2 sites 1971. 1-6 Coll Mar1929. VC 2004, | 1,4,25,28, 29,35,36, |
| 31. | Palm Lorikeet | <i>Charmosyna palmarum</i> | Res bre | C. | 1,4,25, |
| 32. | Fan-tailed Cuckoo | <i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i> | Res bre | Now uncommon 1 spec. AMNH. VC ca 1930, 0 found 1971. | 1,8,9,25,29, 30, |
| 33. | Shining Bronze-Cuckoo | <i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i> | Win Mig | Now uncommon, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,5,7,12,13, 25,38, |
| 34. | Eastern Barn Owl | <i>Tyto javanica interposita</i> | Res bre | C. 1 spec. AMNH. Obs over cleared land 1971. Obs between 2002 & 2006, | 1,4,8,21,25, 29,38, |
| 35. | Glossy Swiftlet | <i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i> | Res bre | C. Obs 1877, 1 coll. Sandwich Bay 1899. 20-100 at 2 rock overhangs near Espiegle 1971, 1 Coll. 1929, Obs. 2000-2006, P Nov 2004, Nests Photo Weso Waterfalls Dec. 2004, 2M Skins AMNH, | 1,4,13,25,28, 29,35,36,37, 38,43. |
| 36. | White-rumped Swiftlet | <i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i> | Res bre | Common no recs 1979-99. Obs 1877, P Nov 2004, | 1,3,4,13,25, 36, |
| 37. | Uniform Swiftlet | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i> | Res bre | Common Obs 1877, spec. AMNH. P 1971. P Nov 2004, | 1,4,13,23, 25,29,36, |
| 38. | Collared Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i> | Res bre | C. 2 coll Sandwich Bay, 1899. 1 netted in forest 9 in mangroves Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 1,2,4,25,28, 29,36,38, |
| 39. | Chestnut-bellied Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus farquhari</i> | End Vanu | C 1 coll. 1899. 5 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 1,4,12,25, 28,29,31,38, |
| 40. | Sacred Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus sancta</i> | ? | Obs in 1877, | 13, |
| 41. | Pacific Swallow | <i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i> | Res bre | C. Local around Port Sandwich Jetty 1971, 1 nest in shipwreck. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,25,29, 38, |
| 42. | Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike | <i>Coracina caledonica</i> | Res bre | C-UC, 1 coll 1877, C. F coll. 1899. Obs at both netting sites Coll. 1971. 1-4 coll. Mar 1929, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,12,13,14, 25,28,29,35, 38, |
| 43. | Polynesian Triller | <i>Lalage maculosa</i> | Res bre | Common in forests. Obs in forest. | 1,4,12,25, 29, |
| 44. | Long-tailed Triller | <i>Lalage leucopyga</i> | Res bre | Common 8 coll. Juv coll. 1899. 1 netted in mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,5,19,25, 28,29,38, |
| 45. | Island Thrush | <i>Turdus poliocephalus</i> | Res bre | C. 11 spec Aug 1926. 6 F coll 1899. 1 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,20,25, 27,28,29,38, |
| 46. | Fan-tailed Gerygone | <i>Gerygone flavolateralis correiaae</i> | Res bre | C Host to bronze cuckoo. Obs in both forest & mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,7,12,15, 25,29,38, |
| 47. | Grey Fantail | <i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i> | Res bre | Common in open & closed forest P. 1971. obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,12,25,29, 38,41, |
| 48. | Streaked Fantail | <i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i> | Res bre | C in thick bush 6+ spec. AMNH. 14 netted in forest and 1 in mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,12,24,25, 29,38,41,44, |
| 49. | Buff-bellied Monarch | <i>Neolalage banksiana</i> | End Van | C on coast, F coll 1899. 24 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between | 1,4,6,12,13, |

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| 50. | Southern Shrikebill | <i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides griseus</i> | Res bre | 2002 & 2006, C in forest. 1 coll 1899. 5 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 25,28,29,38, 1,4,12,25, 28,29,38,42, |
| 51. | Melanesian Flycatcher | <i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i> | Res bre | C 3m Coll, include 1 from Rano Is. 1899. 2 netted in mangrove 1971. 1-9 Coll. 28 Mar 1929, 3 or 4 Nov 2004, | 1,4,12,13,17, .25,28,38,29, 35,36,42, |
| 52. | Pacific (Scarlet) Robin | <i>Petroica multicolor</i> | Res bre | C, Obs., between 2000 & 2006, said to be absent – in error, | 1,4,25,29,38, |
| 53. | Common Golden Whistler | <i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i> | Res bre | C. 1 coll 1877, 3M 2F coll 1899. 36 netted in forest 1971. 1-8 Coll. Mar 1929, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, | 1,4,12,13, 16,25,28,29, 35,38, |
| 54. | Yellow-fronted White-eye | <i>Zosterops flavifrons macgillivrayi</i> | End Vanu | C-A. M&F coll. 1899. 19 netted in forest 1971. 5 Coll. 28 Mar 1919 Field Mus, 8 coll. bre. Aug 1926, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,12,13, 25,28,29, 32,35,38, |
| 55. | Silvereeye | <i>Zosterops lateralis vatusensis</i> | Res bre | Obs 1877, 6 netted in mangroves 1971. Coll Aug 1926, Obs. 2000-2006, | 13,25,29,32,38, |
| 56. | Dark-Brown Honeyeater | <i>Lichmera incana</i> | Res bre | C-UC 10 spec. AMNH. 1 netted in mangroves 1971. 1-2 Coll. 28 Mar 1929, Obs, between 2002 & 2006, | 1,4,12,22, 25,29,35,38, |
| 57. | White-bellied Honeyeater | <i>Phylidonyris notabilis</i> | End Vanu | C. Obs in forest & mangroves 1971. 1 Coll. 28 Mar 1929. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 1,4,22,25, 29,35,38, |
| 58. | Cardinal Myzomela | <i>Myzomela cardinalis</i> | Res bre | MC Obs 1877, Spec. AMNH. 3M coll 1899. 6 netted in forest 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2007, | 12,13,22,25, 28,29,38, |
| 59. | Royal Parrot Finch | <i>Erythrura regia</i> | Res bre | P, | 25, |
| 60. | Black-headed Munia | <i>Lonchura malacca</i> | Intro | P, 2000, C Dec 2004, | 39,40, |
| 61. | Rusty-winged Starling | <i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i> | Res bre | Common Highlands. P. 1971. | 1,12,25,29, |
| 62. | White-breasted Woodswallow | <i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i> | Res bre | C. Obs in mangroves 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 12,25,29,38, |

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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