

Santo (Espirito-Santo) Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu, Nth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Res bre	P,	1,25,33,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	20 offshore 20/21 Nov 2004,	40,
3.	Wilson's Storm-Petrel	<i>Fregetta oceanicus oceanicus</i>	Vag?	1 obs to NW	10,
4.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	1 obs Jul 62	11,
5.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor minor</i>	Res	1 obs of 3	10,
6.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	C, Grey form observed several times. Obs 1971 <12km up Apuna R. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,4,25,27,31,33,45,
7.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res	LC on Sarakata R. P. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,12,25,31,45,
8.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	P over some forests & short grass areas 1971. 2 on 21 Nov 04,	25,31,33,40,
9.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Vag	C, R	1,4,
10.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falcon peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res bre	C, U, P Nokovula forests 1971.	1,4,25,31,33,
11.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	?	1 at Belaru 21 Nov 2004,	40,
12.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon. Obs 1877, Obs 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,12,13,25,31,33,37,45,
13.	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	P	25,33,
14.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro?	P 1971. 1 Coll. 1929, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, UC in dry & wet upland sites 2003,	31,39,45,47,
15.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i>	Res bre	P,	33,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs in short roadside veg. 1971. A few Nov 2004, 1 coll Obs since 2002,	1,4,25,31,33,39,40,45,
17.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Reduced due to increasing Pigs & cats 1877. Nests & eggs Hog Har, Obs Puna R. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, P in only wet upland site not dry site,	8,9,13,25,28,31,45,47,
18.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	C. P. 1971.	1,4,25,31,33,
19.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res?	2 seen E coast between Kerepua & Vusi	1,
20.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	C. 17 Oct few, 18 Oct 50, 19 Oct few, on farmland. F juv Coll 1899. 2 in br plumage 4 in win plumage Jun 2007,	6,12,27,29,46,
21.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Sum mig	Recorded at mudflats in mouth of Sarakata R Luganville,	1,6,12,
22.	Black-Tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Sum mig	Rare	1,4,
23.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	45,
24.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 on pontoon Luganville Jun 07,	39,45,46,

25.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres interpres</i>	Sum mig	2 coll 27 Mar 1929, P 1877, C. <50 feeding between rows of radish plants Oct. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	4,13,27,45,
26.	Arctic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Mig	3 recs	10,
27.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	P 1877, UC, 20 birds Jul.62, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	4,11,13,45,11,
28.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	?	39 off N,	10,
29.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Vag Bre	C. C 1877, 1F1M Coll. 1899. Obs Apuna R. but not other forests 1971. 4M Coll. 1 Nov 2004,	1,4,25,29, 31,37,40,
30.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C. Single birds crossing roads.. F Coll 1899. Obs in all 3 forest sample sites 1971. 5 skins examined. 2 Coll. 1929. 3 in Nov 2004,	1,4,25,27, 29,31,37, 39,40,
31.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, VC in disturbed habitats Eggs 1899. F Coll. 1899. 1 netted at each of 3 sites 1971. 1 M Coll. 1-3 coll Apr 1929. C Nov 2004, C Jun 2007, More common in disturbed forests than heavy forests 5 coll 2003, Rare 1 seen in lowland forest.	1,4,12,13, 25,27,28,29, 31,33,37,39, 40,46,47,
32.	Santa Cruz Ground Dove	<i>Gallicolumba sanctaerucis</i>	Res bre		1,4,12,25, 27,
33.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	C. 1899 3 Coll. 1899. Obs at 3 forests 1971. Coll. 1920's 2 Coll. 1929. <3 seen Nov 2004, Photos Jun, Dec 04 Jan 05. C in dry and wet forests low & high, disturbed and mature forests, 9 spec coll 2003,	25,28,29,31, 38,39,40,42, 47,
34.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	P in lowland mixed forest/plantation. 1M coll. 1899. Obs Apuna R. 1971. UC at Belaru Nov 2004, Breeding Apr-Jun, & Oct-Nov,	12,25,27,29, 31,40,47,
35.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	P,?	33,
36.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	End Vanu	C. Appears confined to >1000m on West coast. Obs Regrowth 1971, Holotype & 2 others Coll. W. side. 4M1F Coll. Obs since 2002, More common at wet highlands than dry highlands 2003, 2coll,	1,4,12,25, 30,31,34,37, 45,47,
37.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	A 1877, C. usually 2-4 together in highland forest & mixed regrowth. 1 Coll. 1929. MC at Loru Nov 2004, Photo Jun 04.	4,13,25,27,31, 37,39, 40,43,
38.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	C. VC in all habitats, except primary forest where UC. Obs at Opuna & Hog Harbour 1971. 1-6 Coll. 1929. VC Nov 2004, F coll by Buxton Jul 1925 AMNH,	1,4,25,27, 31,33,39,40,55,
39.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	C Obs 1998. 2 coll Elephant Is 1899 UC. Periodic flocks in mature regrowth Nokovula 1100-1500m 1971. Only in high wet forest not dry flocks of 2 & 6 in figs 2003,	1,4,13,24, 25,29,31, 47,
40.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	C. 5 spec. AMNH. 1 obs Oct 20 & 29. 3 coll 1899. 55 Coll. 1933 at Hog Harbour. 0 found there nor its host Robin in 1971. Apparently migrates within Vanuatu. 1 Coll. 1929.	1,8,9,25,27, 28,29,31, 32,33,39,
41.	Shining Bronze- Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win mig	Common Obs 1877, Obs 1998. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,7,13,24, 25,45,
42.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica interposita</i>	Res bre	C. 1 spec. AMNH. 1 caught by hunter + 1 obs. 1 M. coll 1899. Obs over cleared land 1971. Obs between 2002 & 2007,	1,4,8,9,25, 27,28,29,31, 33,45,

43.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, The most common bird < hundreds. Eggs & nest 1899. Obs at Opuna and Nokovula <20 birds Wonatsuri Cave Nokovula & 20-100 in Lemthen Thac Cave 1971, P Nov 2004, C Jun 2007, Feeds lower than Uniform, though flocks of 400 flying W at Tsaraepae 2003, 9 skins AMNH,	1,4,13,25, 27,28,31,40, 46,47,53,
44.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	C, No recs 1979-99, Obs 1877, Obs 1998. Not seen 2003,	1,3,4,13,24, 25,47,
45.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus v. vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877,12+ spec. AMNH <40 seen mostly in coastal low-lands, Coll 1M 1899. Obs at Apuna R. 20-100 birds Lemthen Thac Cave Hog Harb. 1971, P Nov 2004, C at all sites visited on Santo 2003,	1,4,13,22, 25,27,28,53, 31,40,47,
46.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	16 seen on 8 days in Lowland open forests, none seen other days 1 Collected up river 1899. P 1971. 2 Coll. 1929. C 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, Ranged higher in open forest than heavy forest 2003,	2,25,27, 28,29,31,33, 39,40,45,47,
47.	Chestnut-bellied Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus farquhari</i>	End Vanu	C. 2 coll. 1899 Hog Hrb. 8 netted Apuna R & 3 at Hog Hbr. '71 2 Obs Belaru Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2007, Most common in high canopy forest.	1,4,12,25, 28,29,31,35, 45,47,
48.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	MC.	40,13,
49.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, 1 coll. 1899. Local around school Hog Harbour & along Apuna R. 1971. 1-3 Coll. 1929. P Nov 2004, C Jun 2007,	1,4,13,25, 28,29,31, 39,40,46,
50.	Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	Res bre	C,U, 1 Coll 1877, C in highland forests, Obs at all 3 netting sites. 1-4 Coll. 1929. 3 Belaru Nov 2004, 1 Luganville Jun 2007,	1,4,12,25, 27,31,33, 39,40,46,
51.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	Common in forest, 1 coll. 1926. P. 1971. Ranged higher in open forest than heavy 2003,	1,4,5,12,20, 25,31,47,
52.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	C 2 coll, 1 netted Nokovula 1971. 2 Belaru Nov 2004, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,5,20,25, 31,33,40,45,
53.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	Common. #'s netted = 12 @ Nokovula, 11@ Apuna R, 16 @ Hog Hbr. 1-4 Coll. 1929, P in dry but not wet forest and shows signs of contraction since human arrival.	1,4,25,31, 39,47,
54.	Melanesian Thicketbird	<i>Megalurulus whitneyi whitneyi</i>	Res bre	C,U in Forest Type spec 1926 2500ft. UC Best 1500m. 4 netted Nokovula 1 at Hog Hbr. 1971, 3 spec coll 1933-35, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,12,15, 25,31,44, 45,51,
55.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis corraiae</i>	Res bre	C Host to bronze cuckoo. Obs all 3 netting sites 1971. 2 seen Nov 2004, Ranged higher in open forest than heavy 2003,	1,4,7,12,24, 25,31,33,40,47,
56.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C in open & closed forest 6+ spec.AMNH. P. 1971. MC 2004, MC Jun 2007, 2 coll. Apr 1929,	1,12,23,25, 31,39,40,46,49,
57.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C,P in thick bush 4 spec. AMNH 2 spec BM. 1MIF Coll 1899 16 netted at Apuna R & 7 at Hog Hbr 1971. 3 Coll. 1929. C Belaru & Loru Nov 2004, Ranged to higher Alt in dry forests,	1,4,12,23,49, 25,29,31, 35,39,40,47,54,
58.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Res bre	?	33,
59.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	C. on coast, 2Ad 1 imm responded to 'squeaking'. MC 1899. 2M 1F coll. 1899. 24 caught at Nokovula 15 at Apuna R. 12 at Hog Hbr. 1971. 2 Coll. 1929. 6 seen Nov 2004, Obs. 2002-07,	1,4,12,13,18, 25,27,28,29, 31,35,39,39,

60.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides griseus</i>	Res bre	In both wet and dry forests but preferring thickets 2003, first Descr of song, 9 coll 3 repro active, nest and fledglings Nov 2003 C in forest 30 Mus specs. 2 Coll. 1899. 4 netted Apuna 5 Hog 1,4,12,16,25,29 5 Coll. 1929. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Only found in high wet forest and not in one of two lowland forests 2003, 6 coll, 1 coll by Buxton Aug 1925,	45,47, 1,4,12,16,25,29 31,35,39,45, 47,52,55,
61.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, LC in and near Coconut plantations. Obs at 2 netting sites 1971. 1-9 Coll. 1929. Pr + nest Belaru Nov 04,	1,4,12,13,17, 25,27,31,33, 39,40,50.
62.	Pacific Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor ambryensis</i>	Res bre	C. 10 netted at Nokovula not seen elsewhere. Obs., between 2000 & 2006, Restricted on this island to >500m not on others, see Erromango 3 specimens coll. all repro active,	1,4,20,25,31, 33,45,47,
64.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i>	Res bre	C Obs 1877, 15 obs on 10 of 50 days –mostly highland forests Eggs 1899 & locals taught author diff between M&F. Imm coll 1899, 22, 26 & 23 mist netted at 3 sites 1971. 1-8 Coll. 1929, 2 obs 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,4,12,13, 16,25,27, 28,29,31, 33,39,40,45,
65.	Yellow-fronted White-Eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons brevicauda</i>	End Vanu	C. VC except in highland forest.. 15 & 1 netted at 2 of 3 sites 1971. 3 coll. 1926/7. 4 Coll. 1929. C 2004, C up to 1250m with silvereye in most hab but alone in mature forest7+ coll,	1,4,12,25, 27,31,36,39, 40,47,
66.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, UC in bush near coconut plantations. Coll 1899 Plantation, 1M1Fcoll. 1899.1 netted at one of 3 sites 1971. Coll. Sep 1926, 1-11 Coll. 1929, C 2004, C Jun 2007,	1,4,25,27, 28,29,31, 33,36,39, 40,46,
67.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Santo & Malekula	C. 5 spec. AMNH. Dawn chorus heard several times. 4 netted at 1 of 3 sites 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, More common in high wet forests than dry 2003 4 spec coll 1 reprod. active,	1,4,12,21, 25,27,31,45, 47,48,
68.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis tenuis</i>	Res bre	C Spec. AMNH. M coll. 1899. Obs at all 3 netting sites 1971. 1-4 Coll. 1929. 2 at Belaru Nov 2004, Photo 2005, C Jun 2007	12,21,25,29, 31,33,39,40, 41,46,
69.	Royal Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura regia</i>	Res bre	C,U 1 obs at 1 of 3 netting sites 1971.	1,4,12,25, 31,
70.	Chestnut-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Escapee	Common, Spread from Luganville,	1,4,
71.	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	Intro	? on grasslands P. 1971. MC 2004, VC Jun 2007,	1,4,12,31,40, 46,
72.	Red-billed Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Res bre	Common	1,
73.	Santo Mountain Starling	<i>Aplornis santovestris</i>	End Santo	Common > 1000m. “rediscovered 1991 >1400m.	1,4,12,25, 44,
74.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandica rufipennis</i>	Res bre	C. 1F Coll 1899. Obs at 1 netting site 1971. 1-4 Coll. 1929.	1,12,25,28, 29,31,39,
75.	Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Common. P. 1971. C 2004, C June 2007,	1,4,12,31, 40,46,
76.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	Obs 1877, C. F coll 1899. Obs at one site 1971. 1 Coll. 1929. 3 seen Nov 2004,	4,12,13,25,29, 31,33,39,40,

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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