

# Aureed Island Bird Checklist

## Torres Strait Australia.

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| #n  | Common Name                   | Scientific Name                  | Ecol. Status | Abundance  | References |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|------------|
| 1.  | Bar-shouldered Dove           | <i>Geopelia humeralis</i>        | Res bre      | P, 10 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 2.  | Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove       | <i>Ptilinopus regina</i>         | Res?         | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 3.  | Superb Fruit-Dove             | <i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>       | Res          | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 4.  | Pied Imperial Pigeon          | <i>Ducula bicolor</i>            | Res/mig      | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 5.  | Great Frigatebird             | <i>Fregata minor</i>             | Res          | UC,  | 1,         |
| 6.  | Australian Pelican            | <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>  | Res          | P, 17 onshore 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 7.  | Eastern Reef Egret            | <i>Egretta sacra</i>             | Res          | P, 40 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 8.  | Little Egret                  | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>          | Vag          | 2 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 2,         |
| 9.  | Nankeen Night-heron           | <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>    | Nomad        | P, 10 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 10. | Eastern Osprey                | <i>Pandion cristatus</i>         | Res          | 1 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 2,         |
| 11. | White-bellied Sea-eagle       | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>    | Res          | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 12. | Beach Stone-curlew            | <i>Esacus magnirostris</i>       | Res          | P, 3 obs 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 13. | Australian Pied Oystercatcher | <i>Haematopus longirostris</i>   | Res          | P, 14 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 14. | Pacific Golden Plover         | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>           | Sum mig      | C, 10 onshore 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 15. | Grey Plover                   | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>      | Sum mig      | 30 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 16. | Lesser Sand Plover            | <i>Charadrius mongolus</i>       | Sum mig      | C, 50 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 17. | Greater Sand-plover           | <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>  | Sum mig      | 20 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 18. | Ruddy Turnstone               | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>        | Sum mig      | P, 8 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 19. | Bar-tailed Godwit             | <i>Limosa lapponica</i>          | Sum mig      | C, 12 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 20. | Eastern Curlew                | <i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> | Sum mig      | UC, 5 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 21. | Whimbrel                      | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>         | Sum mig      | P, 20 onshore 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2,       |
| 22. | Grey-tailed Tattler           | <i>Tringa brevipes</i>           | Sum mig      | P, 20 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 23. | Common Greenshank             | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>          | Sum mig      | 1 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 2,         |
| 24. | Great Knot                    | <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>     | Sum mig      | 15 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 25. | Red-necked Stint              | <i>Calidris ruficollis</i>       | Sum mig      | 50 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 26. | Sanderling                    | <i>Calidris alba</i>             | Sum mig      | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 27. | Red-backed Button-quail       | <i>Turnix maculosa</i>           | Res          | 5 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 28. | Brown Noddy                   | <i>Anous stolidus</i>            | Res          | 40 onshore and 40 obs 1.5 km to Nth on 17 Nov 2008,  | 2,         |
| 29. | Black-naped Tern              | <i>Sterna sumatrana</i>          | Res          | P, 150 adults & 30+ runners on sandy SW end of island <i>contra</i> Draffan <i>et al</i> who say they nest on S or SE ends of isles on rocky outcrops. | 1,2,       |
| 30. | Common Tern                   | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>            | Res          | 5 onshore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 31. | Little Tern                   | <i>Sternula albifrons</i>        | Sum mig      | 10 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,         |
| 32. | Bridled Tern                  | <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>    | Res          | P, 3 obs 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2,       |
| 33. | Crested Tern                  | <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>         | Res          | P, 25 on island and 15 obs 1.5 km Nth 17 Nov 2008.   | 1,2,       |
| 34. | Lesser Crested Tern           | <i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>    | Res?         | 4 ashore 17 Nov 2008,  | 2,         |

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| 35. | Silver Gull                | <i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i> | Res         | C. 6 obs 17 Nov 2008,   | 1,2, |
| 36. | Oriental Cuckoo            | <i>Cuculus saturatus</i>               | Sum mig     | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,      | 2,   |
| 37. | White-breasted Woodswallow | <i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>           | Res bre     | P,                      | 1,   |
| 38. | Spangled Drongo            | <i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>             | Spr/Aut mig | 3 ashore 17 Nov 2008,   | 2,   |
| 39. | Northern Fantail           | <i>Rhipidura rufiventris</i>           | Res/mig?    | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,      | 2,   |
| 40. | Rufous Fantail             | <i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>             | Res/mig?    | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,      | 2,   |
| 41. | Leaden Flycatcher          | <i>Myiagra rubecula</i>                | Res/mig?    | 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,      | 2,   |
| 42. | Pale White-eye             | <i>Zosterops citrinellus</i>           | Res bre     | P, 115 obs 17 Nov 2008, | 1,2, |
| 43. | Yellow-bellied Sunbird     | <i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>            | Res bre     | C, 10 obs 17 Nov 2008,  | 1,2, |

## 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.

**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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