

Bramble Cay Bird Checklist

Torres Strait, Australia

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#n	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	1 seen Nov 1979,	1,
2.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Spr/Sum Mig	Nocturnal movements across strait Sep – Apr.	1,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	UC,	1,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	C, 2 on 27 Jul 1911, 12 Jan 1987, 20 in Feb 1991,	1,4,6,7,
5.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Vag	P,	1,
6.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Vag	P,	1,
7.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res Bre	10 prs bre in wet, 2 nests only after islander feast Jul 1911, 70 P Jan 1987, 92 present breeding,	1,6,10,7,
8.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	Br during wet season, 2 in Jan 1987. 1 on 19 Feb 1991,	1,6,7,
9.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Res bre?	C, 1 in Jan 1987,	1,6,
10.	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	Visitor	Irregular visitor,	1,
11.	Papuan Harrier	<i>Circus spilonotus</i>	?	P 27 Jul 1911.	10,
12.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	C few in winter, 20 Jan 1987, 1 in Feb 1991, A Dec 1849, 6 Sep 1917,	1,6,7,8,9,
13.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	C,	1,
14.	Black-fronted Dotterel	<i>Elseynornis melanops</i>	Vag?	1 st rec = 4 at freshwater pool Feb 1991,	7,
15.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum Mig	UC,	1,
16.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	P, 50 Jan 1987, 30 Feb 1995.	1,6,7,
17.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res bre	>10,000 breeding, A Jul 1911, 30 breeding Jan 1987, 3300 breeding Feb 1991,	1,6,7,
	[Lesser Noddy	<i>Anous tenuirostris</i>	Vag	P, Probably erroneous rec	1,7,4,]
18.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res Bre	10 pairs breeding,	1,
19.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res Bre	40,000 breeding in Summer but human predation, A Jul 1911 some young fledged, 700 birds 300 nests with eggs Jan 1987, 1300 birds nesting Feb 1991,	1,5,6,7,
20.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum Mig	UC, 10 seen Feb 1991,	1,7,
21.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res Bre	>1000 pr nest Dec – Mar, A July 1911 but not breeding, 1800 nests Jan 1987, 6400 birds breeding Feb 1991,	1,5,6,7,
22.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Poss Bre	UC, 24 seen Jan 1987, 10 Feb 1991,	1,6,7,
23.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Spr/Win mig	C migrant and winter resident. 3 boarded the boat to escape seabirds.	1,2,
24.	Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	In small numbers, MC in most forests and regrowth.	1,3,
25.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	P; Nomadic in strait, MC-VC,	1,3,

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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