

Darnley Is. (Erub) Bird Checklist

Torres Strait Australia.

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#n	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Radjah Shelduck	<i>Tadornah radjah radjah</i>	Res	3 obs Aug 2002,	13,
2.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Vag	1 offshore to S Nov 1977,	1,
3.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Res bre	UC in forest, 1&4 obs Aug 2002,	1,13,
4.	Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Res bre	C builds nests Oct-Nov, C & tame, 20&50 obs some nesting Aug 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,4,13,14,
5.	Wompoo Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>	Res?	4 obs Aug 2002,	13,
6.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Nocturnal passage mig,	1,
7.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	In forest, 40 & 150 obs Aug 2002, C 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,
8.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res bre	30 & 40 obs some nesting Aug 50& 30 obs Sep 2002,	13,
9.	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P,	1,
10.	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Sum mig	Visits only hilly islands,	1,
11.	White-faced Storm-Petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	Vag	1, 10 km to W 6 Sep 2002,	12,13,
12.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	UC,	1,
13.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	C parasitising Crested Terns & Brown Boobies, P 1943, 1 obs 28 Aug 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,4,13,14,
14.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Vag	P,	1,
15.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Vag	P,	1,
16.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	C at sea, P 1943. 7 obs Aug 1 obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,4,13,14,
17.	Australian Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster papua</i>	Res	20 & 7 obs Aug 25 & 25 obs Sep 2002,	13,
18.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Vag	UC vagrant, 14 obs 27/29 Aug 9 obs Sep 2002,	1,13,
19.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Res bre?	May breed, 1 obs 28 Aug 2 obs 6&7 Sep 2002,	1,13,
20.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	MC, Grey phase appeared to be more common, 20 & 80 obs Aug 30&30 obs Sep 2002, 27(G) 12(W) obs 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,4,13,14,
21.	Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Res	MC,	1,
22.	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Win mig	1 obs 27 & 28 Aug 2002,	13,
23.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Vag	2 obs 27 & 28 Aug 2 obs 6 Sep 2002,	13,
24.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Mig?	1 obs 27 & 28 Aug 2002,	12,
25.	Beach Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre?	P & prob breeds in Sept, 1 obs Aug 2002, 2 obs 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,
26.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	C with some over-wintering, 13 1&2 obs Aug 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,
27.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	C with many over-wintering, 8 & 20 obs Aug 2002,	1,13,
28.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultia</i>	Sum Mig	UC but regular, Sev Sep 1943, 1 & 10 obs Aug 2002,	1,4,13,
29.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus m. miles</i>	Res	2 & 5 obs Aug 2002,	13,
30.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum Mig	C in Aut/Spr, MC in Summer,	1,
31.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	UC mostly Oct - Mar, 1&3 obs Aug & 1 obs Sep 2002,	1,13,
32.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	C many remaining through winter, 10 obs 2 days Aug 30 & 6	1,13,

33.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Sum Mig	UC but can turn up in any month,	1,
34.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	MC a few over-wintering, 4&8 obs Aug 1&1 obs Sep 2002,	1,13,
35.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Sum mig	UC but in marine and fw habitat, 2 obs Aug 2002,	1,13,
36.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	C with few remaining for winter, 1&5 obs Aug 10&5 obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,
37.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum Mig	UC but in rocky habitat, 1 obs Aug 2002,	1,13,
38.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	MC, 4 obs Aug 8 obs 6 Sep 2002,	1,13,
39.	Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	Sum mig	P,	15,
40.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum Mig	A in Spr/Aut C in Summer, 2 & 10 obs Aug 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,
41.	Red-backed Button-quail [Red-chested Button-Quail]	<i>Turnix maculosa</i> <i>Turnix pyrrhothorax</i>	Res bre Extinct?	F obs 1943, P small numbers 13-15 Jul 1974, P 1870's, Not seen last 100 years, obs Sep 2002,	4,14, 1,6,]
42.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	1 obs Aug 2002,	13,
43.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	C, Bred "near Darnley" Possibly Underdown Islet which may have supported trees before WWII, C offshore 13-15 Jul 1974, C in surrounding seas 1943.	1,8,14,
44.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	UC,	4,
45.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	UC,	1,
46.	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Mig/vag	1 obs 27 Aug 2002,	13,
47.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	MC,	1,
48.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	UC in summer, 3&4 obs Aug 2002,	1,13,
49.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	C, 100 obs Aug 2002,	1,13,
50.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Win mig	UC normally, sometimes C, VC 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,7,14,
51.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	R, 1 rec 1943 +3 at Calico Reef, 6 obs Aug 2002,	1,4,13,
52.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Vag,	UC visitor,	1,
53.	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	?	P,	1,
54.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC,	1,
55.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Spr/Aut mig	More in S in Mar than N in Aug, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,14,
56.	Little Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites minutillus</i>	Mig,	1 obs Aug 2002,	13,
57.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Sum mig	In forests,	1,
58.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win res & Spr/Aut Mig	Rec in Sep. 1943, on beaches feeding on invertebrates. 8 & 20 obs Aug 50&15 obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,4,13,14,
59.	Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera sylvia</i>	Aut/Spr mig	UC,	1,
60.	Common Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera galatea</i>	Vag	1 rec only from NG Feb 1978	1,9,
61.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Spr/Aut mig?	1 obs Sep 2002,	13,
62.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Res bre/Win mig?	Mig flock obs 6 Sep 2002, 1 obs 7 Sep 2002, 8 obs 27 Jul 1974,	3,12,13,14,
63.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Obs in 1 & 2's 20-30m above water diurnally, but in Qld hit a plane at 2500m nocturnally, 2 coll from NG glacier at 4,500m, 1 obs Aug & Sep 2002,	1,10,11,13,
64.	Noisy Pitta	<i>Pitta versicolor</i>	Spr/Aut? mig	UC Sep-Dec bre Jan-Apr, P1&8 obs Aug 4&6 obs Sep 2002,	1,2,13,
65.	Yellow-spotted Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga notata</i>	Res bre	P in al habitats, 12 & 20 obs Aug 40,25 obs Sep 2002,	1,13,
66.	Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>	Visitor	Visits mangroves from islets, P, 8 obs Aug 10,3 obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,2,13,14,
67.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	Small flocks, 12&12 obs Aug 6,&10 obs Sep 2002, imm obs 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,

68.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Win mig	UC, P, 1 obs Aug 1 obs Sep 2002,	1,2,13,
69.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	Vag	to this island from islets, P, A Aug & Sep 2002, 5&20 obs Aug 1,2,12,13,14, 10 & 25 Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	
70.	Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	Res?	10 & 15 obs Aug 7&8 obs Sep 2002,	13,
71.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	Res bre & Spr/Aut Mig & resident,	In forests & mangroves.	1,2,
72.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Res bre	Bre Early wet season, 3 obs Aug 1&1 obs Sep 2002,	1,13,
73.	Broad-billed Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ruficollis mimikae</i>	Res bre	2 obs Aug 2&3 obs Sep 2002,	13,
74.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>	Sum mig	P in forest, P, 6 & 10 obs Aug 12,20 obs Sep 2002,	1,2,13,
75.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis diminutus</i>	Res bre	P in grasslands, P, 10 & 30 obs Aug 30&40 obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,2,5,13,14,
76.	Pale White-eye	<i>Zosterops citrinellus</i>	Res bre	Nests in wet season, A Aug & Sep 2002, 25 & 200 obs Aug 100&100 obs Sep 2002, C 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,12,13,14,
77.	Tree Martin	<i>Cecropis nigricans</i>	Win mig	MC, 6 & 20 obs Aug 3 obs Sep 2002,	1,13,
78.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Nomad	UC, P,	1,2,
79.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C nesting late dry-early Wet, MC-C mostly outside of forests 50 & 200 obs Aug 100&100+ obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,2,13,14,
80.	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Res bre	Breeds Aug-Nov Post fledging flocks of Immatures, 6&10 obs Aug 2&25 obs Sep 2002, P 13-15 Jul 1974,	1,13,14,
81.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	Obs Aug & Sep 2002, 5 obs Aug 2 obs Aug 2002,	12,13,

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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