

Mabuiag Is. (Jervis) Bird Checklist

Torres Strait Australia.

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#n	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Vag,	Nomadic dry season visitor,	1,
2.	Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Res bre	C,	1,
3.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res	Arrives when Wongai (Manilkara kauki) fruits ripen,	1,
4.	Pied Heron	<i>Ardea picata</i>	Win mig	Dry season visitor,	1,
5.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P, Grey phase more common unlike other islands,	1,3,
6.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	C in Sum UC in winter,	1,
7.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	C in Summer MC in winter,	1,
8.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Res	Always present but no breeding records,	1,
9.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	C Spr & Aut MC winter,	1,
10.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Sum mig	UC,	1,
11.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum Mig	A in sum, C in Winter,	1,
12.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	P,	1,
13.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	MC,	1,
14.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC,	1,
15.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus variolosus</i>	Res bre	Bre in sum,	1,
16.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win res Spr mig	C,	1,
17.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	A,	1,
18.	Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	Res bre	Breeds in ephemeral swamps,	1,
19.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res bre	C, breeds Nov-Dec,	1,
20.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Res bre	Breeds during early wet,	1,
21.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>	Res bre	Breeds in rainforest, mangroves & dense woodlands,	1,
22.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	Res bre	Breeds in wet season,	1,
23.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C breeding in late dry – early wet,	1,
24.	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Res bre	Breeds Aug-Nov Flocks of imm Jul, LC	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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