

Nepean (Attagoy) Is. 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	VC,	1,
2.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res bre	Arrives when fruits of <i>Manilkara kauki</i> ripen,	1,
3.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	C,	1,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	Mainly White phase,	1,
5.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	C,	1,
6.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	C with many over-wintering,	1,
7.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	UC but mostly in Spr/Aut,	1,
8.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	C throughout year,	1,
9.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	P,	1,
10.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	C offshore,	1,
11.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	C and widespread,	3,
12.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	Possibly breeding	1,
13.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	MC,	1,
14.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Win Mig	UC,	1,
15.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus macleayii</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC-C,	1,
16.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win res Spr mig	in forest, woodland mangroves & mud flats,	1,
17.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Often travel in ones and twos low over the water,	1,
18.	Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>	Res bre	C in mangroves, LMC,	1,2,
19.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	Res bre	P, LC in mangroves, forest and scrub.	1,2,
20.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	Res bre	Few resident most pass through Spr & Aut, P,	1,2,
21.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	Arrives singly or in small flocks, UC-C in mangroves & forest	1,2,
22.	Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P, MC in forest & mangroves,	1,2,
23.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>	Res bre	P Spr to Aut & breeds in forested areas, P,	1,2,
24.	Pale White-eye	<i>Zosterops citrinellus</i>	Res bre	MC but moves around a bit,	1,
25.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res	P,	1,2,
26.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C, MC-C mostly outside of forests	1,2,

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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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