

Ugar (Stephens) 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	MC, 12 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
2.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	P, 5 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
3.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Mig bre	Bre Sep-Jan, Arrives when Wongai <i>Manilkara kauki</i> fruit ripen.1,5, 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,	
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	C, P 12 Aug 1974, 1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,4,5,
5.	Greater Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	2 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
6.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Res bre?	P,	1,
7.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res?	11 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
8.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	3 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
9.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P mostly white phase, 10g8w obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
10.	Nankeen Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Vag	P, 1 obs 17 Nov 2008,	1,5,
11.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	C in Sum UC in Win, 2 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
12.	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Spr/Aut mig	UC, 1 obs in dry water reservoir 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
13.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	30 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
14.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum Mig	C Spr/Sum/Aut, 30 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
15.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	C some remaining some years, 10 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
16.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
17.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Sum Mig	MC Spr/Aut, UC rest of year,	1,
18.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	3 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
19.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	C Spr, Aut & Sum, UC Win, 15 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
20.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	UC	1,
21.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Sum mig	UC Spr, Aut, & Sum.	1,
22.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	P, 4 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
23.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
24.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum Mig	A Spr/Sum/Aut/ UC win, 100 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
25.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
26.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Sum mig	6 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
27.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	P,	1,
28.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Mig	2 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
29.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	P, 30 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
30.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Win mig	C sometimes, VC 12 Aug 1974,	1,4,
31.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Vag	Arrives opportunistically when trees blossom,	1,
32.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Single birds or small groups pass through,	1,
33.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	6 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
34.	Buff-breasted Paradise-Kingfisher	<i>Tanyiptera sylvia</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P, 4 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
35.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus macleayii</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Mig flock size varies much year to year,	1,

36.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win mig	VC in Spr/Aut as migrants pass through, C in Win,	1,
37.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	May roost during migration,	1,
38.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P Mar-May & Oct-Nov,	1,
39.	Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>	Res bre	breeds in mangroves, LMC, 2 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,5,
40.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	Flocks vary in size considerably,	1,
41.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	Res bre	Br in wet season, LC in mangroves, forest and scrub. 5 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,5,
42.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res	2 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
43.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	Res bre	UC, in mangroves, 2 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,5,
44.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Res/mig	1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
45.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Res bre	1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
46.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>	Sum mig/bre	Bre in forest, P, 15 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,5,
47.	Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanops</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Ad & juv mig, MC in most forests and regrowth. 1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,5,
48.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis diminutus</i>	Res bre	Bre Sum, C in savanna and other grasslands, 3 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,3,5,
49.	Pale White-eye	<i>Zosterops citrinellus</i>	Res bre	Nests in wet season, 14 obs 17 th Nov 2008... incl 3 with grey flanks,	1,
50.	Tree Martin	<i>Cecropis nigricans</i>	Win Mig	UC, 1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,5,
51.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res	1 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5
52.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C breeding late dry – early wet, MC-C mostly outside of forests, 8 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	1,2,5,
53.	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Res bre	22 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,
54.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	intro	10 obs 17 th Nov 2008,	5,

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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