

# Warraber Island (Sue) 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	10 obs Aug 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
2.	Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i>	Res bre	2 obs Aug 2002,	2,
3.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res bre	10 obs Aug 2002, 70 obs incl nesting birds 8 Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
4.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Vag	P,	5,
5.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
6.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	1 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
7.	Australasian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	P,	5,
8.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Pass Mig	P,	5,
9.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res	P 11 Jul 1974,	3
10.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Res	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
11.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	100 obs 29 Aug 50 obs 8 Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
12.	Nankeen Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus hilli</i>	Res bre	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
13.	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	Res	P,	5,
14.	Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>	Res	P,	5,
15.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res	P,	5,
16.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	P,	5,
17.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur Indus</i>	Res	P,	5,
18.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Vag	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
19.	Nankeen Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Win mig	1 obs Aug & 4 Sep 2002,	2,
20.	Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis longipennis</i>	?	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
21.	White-browed Crake	<i>Amaurornis cinerea</i>	Res	P,	5,
22.	Beach Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res	P,	5,
23.	Australian Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	Vag	1 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
24.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	15 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
25.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	20 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
26.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultia</i>	Sum Mig	200 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
27.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	100 obs 29 Aug 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
28.	Red-capped Plover	<i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i>	Vag?	P,	5,
29.	Double-banded Plover	<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	Vag	P,	5,
30.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Vag?	P,	5,
31.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	20 obs 29 Aug & 40 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
32.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	100 obs 29 Aug & 40 obs 8 Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
33.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	20 obs Aug & 40 obs 8 Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
34.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	P,	5,
35.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Sum mig	40 obs Aug 20 obs Sep 2002,	2,

36.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Tringa terek</i>	Sum mig	2 obs Aug 1 obs Sep 2002,	2,
37.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	1000 obs Aug 400 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
38.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	50 obs Aug 20 obs 8 Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
39.	Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	Sum mig	300 obs Aug 40 obs Sep 2002,	2,
40.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	100 obs Aug 2002,	2,
41.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Sum mig	1 obs Aug 2002,	2,
42.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	P,	5,
43.	Red-backed Button-quail	<i>Turnix maculosa</i>	Res	P,	5,
44.	Red-chested Button-Quail	<i>Turnix pyrrhothorax</i>	Res	P,	5,
45.	Australian Pratincole	<i>Stiltia isabella</i>	Win mig	1 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
46.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	10 obs Aug 2002,	2,
47.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	C offshore 11 Jul 1974,	3,
48.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	10 obs 29 Aug 2002,	2,
49.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	1 obs Aug 2002,	2,
50.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Res	50 obs Aug 2002,	2,
51.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res	1 obs Aug 2002,	2,
52.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	3 obs just offshore 11 Jul 1974,	3,
53.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	50 obs Aug 2002,	2,
54.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Res	P,	5,
55.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	50 obs Aug 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
56.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P,	5,
57.	Horsefield's Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chalcites basal</i>	Spr/Aut mig	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
58.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	?	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	1,2,
59.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P,	5,
60.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	2 obs Aug 3 obs Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
61.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Spr/Aut mig?	70 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
62.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P,	5,
63.	Noisy Pitta	<i>Pitta versicolor</i>	Spr/Aut mig	P,	5,
64.	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus versicolor</i>	Res bre	2 obs Aug 2002,	2,
65.	Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	Res	P,	5,
66.	Red-headed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela erythrocephala</i>	Res bre	1 obs Aug 4 obs Sep 2002, 1 obs in coconuts 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
67.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	1 obs Aug 10 obs Sep 2002,	2,
68.	White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage sueurii</i>	Mig?	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	1,2,
69.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	Res bre	1 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
70.	Olive-backed Oriole	<i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>	mig?	P,	5,
71.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res	1 obs Sep 2002,	2,
72.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>	Res?	1 obs 8 Sep 2002, P 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
73.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>	Res bre	6 obs 8 Sep 2002 none in Aug,	1,2,
74.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Res bre	2 obs Sep 2002,	2,
75.	Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	Res bre	P,	5,
76.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>	Sum mig	4 obs 8 Sep 2002,	2,
77.	Pale White-eye	<i>Zosterops citrinellus</i>	Res bre	A Aug & Sep 2002, 100 obs Aug Br in Sep 2002, P Jul 1974,	1,2,3,
78.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	10 obs Sep 2002, nesting 11 Jul 1974,	2,3,
79.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	P,	5,
80.	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Res bre	50 obs bre Sep 2002,	2,
81.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	Obs Aug & Sep 2002, 9 obs Aug 6 obs Sep 2002,	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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