

Ouvéa Island Bird Checklist

Loyalty Group

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata trouessarti</i>	Res	4 birds offshore Jul 1962, 6 from Pointe Escarpé 13 Oct 2006, 5,11,16,30, Obs offshore 28.11.,	
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res bre	1,000 + Pointe Escarpé 13 Oct 2006, Obs by Barre 1998-2000, 11,16,21,23, 1,000 pr nesting,	
3.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	P, 9 observed, Obs 2006, 1 obs 22.12.2008,	21,23,27,28,
4.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	1 F ob Jul 2013,	32,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	Obs 2006, 2 offshore Sep 2012, 1 ad Imm Jul 2013,	27,31,32,
6.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res	1 obs 22.12.2008, 5 at Pt Escarpe, Jul 2013,	28,32,
7.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Res	Obs 2006,	27,
8.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra albolineata</i>	Res	1 on marsh 12 Oct 2006, 14 obs bre confirmed, 2 obs 2012,	16,23,31,
9.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	Common	1,
10.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Vag?	1 on marsh 12 Oct 2006,	16,23,
11.	Australian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Res bre	Rare	1,3,21,
12.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	?	1 at swamp 12 Oct 2006, MC 1999, Preys on young Horned Parrots, 14 obs bre confirmed, P 2003,	16,21,23,26,
13.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Res bre	Rare, 1 observed,	21,23,
14.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res Bre	Obs. by Macmillan, C, Nest observed, 1 or 2 observed,	13,21,23
15.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	2 coll. C, – R 1993, 21 obs bre confirmed,	14,21,23,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis swindellsii</i>	Res bre	C, 3 obs bre confirmed,	21,23,
17.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	Nesting obs, 7 obs,	21,23,
18.	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis tabuensis</i>	Res bre	Abundant, Becoming rare, C, some evidence,	1,3,21,23,
19.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	P, small numbers 13 Oct 2006, Obs Dec 1993 & Mar 1999, 55 at airport 29 Nov 2004, 233 observed, Obs Aug 2003,	4,6,16,21,22,23, 26,
20.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	Obs Oct 2007, 1 obs Sep 2012,	27,31,
21.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Sum mig	1 spec May, 10 observed, 2 obs Sep 2012,	8,12,23,31,
22.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heterosceles incanus</i>	Sum mig	Obs Oct 2007,	27,
23.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougalli bangsi</i>	Res	2 observed,	23,
24.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	136 obs,	23,
25.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	Small numbers 12 Oct 2006, 865 obs, P Aug 2003, 5 Noumea Sep. 2012, P Jul 2013,	12,16,23,26,31, 32,
26.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res/Mig/	obs from ferry,	24,

27.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res/mig	60 feeding well offshore Sep 2012,	31,
28.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	50 off Pt Escarpé 13 Oct 2006,	12,16,
29.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res	2 off Pointe Escarpé 13 Oct 2006,	12,16,
30.	Grey Ternlet	<i>Procelsterna cerulea</i>	Res?	2 off Pt Escarpé 13 Oct 2006,	16,
31.	Silver Gull,	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res?	Small numbers 12 Oct 2006,	16,
32.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis hypoenochroa</i>	Res bre	1M Coll. 1 obs 13 Oct 2006, Decline due to hunting, At 3% of 113 survey points 1999-2002,	14,16,21,23,
33.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica sandwichensis</i>	Res bre	1F Coll. A few obs 13 Oct 2006, At 10% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs Aug 2003, C 22.12.2008	14,16,23,26, 28,
34.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Coll. 1920's, C heard 13 Oct 2006, At 86% of 113 survey sites, 1999-2002, Obs 22.12.2008,	15,16,23,28,
35.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacificus</i>	Vag	UC. In Litt. & obs by Macmillan after cyclone, R,	3,14,21,
36.	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Intro	C Jul 2004, 06,	27,
37.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Intro	Introduced 1970 but appears to have died out,	23,
38.	Horned Parakeet	<i>Eunymphicus cornutus uveaensis</i>	Res bre	Endangered, only in Nth, 10+ on private land 13 Oct 2006, At 12% of 113 survey sites, Pr nesting Aug 2003, 2 groups obs 22.12.2008, 617 in 1993 to 2,090 in 2009,	1,3,6,16,23,26, 28,29,
39.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis pyrrhophanus</i>	?	2 spec. AMNH. 2 Obs 13 Oct 2006, At 52% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, P 2003, bird darker & call different to Qld, Heard & Seen Sep 2012,	4,10,16,23,26, 31,
40.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Sum Mig?	2 obs 13 Oct 2007, At 27% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs Aug 2003, Obs 22.12.2008,	16,23,26,28,
41.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica delicatula</i>	Res bre	Observed 1 obs br confirmed, Obs Oct 2007,	4,10,23,27,
42.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta macmillani</i>	Win mig	At 31% of 113 survey sites, Obs Aug 2003, Oct 2007, C 22.12.2008, 50 obs Sep 2012,	23,26,27,28, 31,
43.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta albidior</i>	Res	2M skins AMNH, Obs Aug 2003, Oct 2007,	19,26,27,
44.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C, C, 10 pairs 1999, Obs Aug 2003, Obs 2006,	1,2,21,26,27,
45.	Welcome Swallow	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	?	4 observed,	23,
46.	South Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	Res bre	Widespread	3,
47.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga simillima</i>	Res bre	C, 8 coll, MC, At 42% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002,	3,9,21,23,
48.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Vag	2 obs in Nth 22 Dec 2008, Obs 2003,	25,26,
49.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis lifuensis</i>	End	C, C, At 82% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 2003,	1,3,21,23,26,
50.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi verreauxi</i>	Res bre	P, R,	1,18,20,21,
51.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica viridinitens</i>	Res bre	Coll 1913, 2 obs 13 Oct 2006, C in dry forests, At 42% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 22.12.2008,	1,3,7,16,21, 23,28,
52.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis littayei</i>	Res bre	P in forest, MC in regrowth, At 54% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs Aug 2003, Obs Sep 2012,	1,3,17,21,26, 31,
53.	Rufous Whistler	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
54.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis nigrescens</i>	Res bre	MC, C 13 Oct 2006, C, At 26% of 113 survey sites 1990-2002, Obs 2003,	1,3,16,21,23,26
55.	Dark-brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	At 58% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 2003, & 2012,	23,26,31,
56.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis lifuensis</i>	Res bre	VC, P, At 55% of 113 survey sites 1999-2002, Obs 2003, 2012,	3,21,23,26,31,
57.	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Vag	1 st rec at airport 29 Nov 2004,	22,
58.	New Caledonian Starling	<i>Aplornis striatus atronitens?</i>	Res bre	C, 10 obs 13 Oct 2006, VC, At 49% of survey sites 1999-2002,	3,16,21,23,
59.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	Obs Oct 2007,	27,
60.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Obs 2006,	27,

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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