

# Bird Checklist for Pacific Adventist University

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#	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	STATUS 1984-1996	STATUS 1997-2005 & Sep 2008.
1	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Common	Uncommon, breeding in March-Jun 04 in Pond 3. P 2005.
2	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	1 dead 21.5.1991	Not recorded
3	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>		1 sighting 4.6.2000,
4	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		29 on 1-13.2.1998
5	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Very Common	Very Common < 180 roosting in Acacia trees by library.
6	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Rare	Regularly one or two, <18 roosting on campus.
7	Australian Darter	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	Common	Occasional
8	Pacific Heron	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>	Very Rare	No record
9	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	Common	Present
10	Pied Heron	<i>Ardea picata</i>	Common	Periodically abundant usually a few present < 900
11	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	Very Common	Common
12	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Common	VC around horses & cattle & on farm following tractors while ploughing.
13	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Very Rare	30.06.04
14	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>		1 <sup>st</sup> Rec. 22.7.04 in Rice Paddy. Total 5 records.
15	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Rare	Present, (incl. two with grey backs). 1 obs 25.11.2012 (J Crocombe).
16	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	One bird found dead on road near Tanubada Pond 1967. (Mackay 1968).	
17	Rufous Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>	Rare	Common resident
18	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	Very Rare	8 Records
19	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Very rare 00.2.1994	8 records 1-27 individuals Oct-Nov. 2 obs Aug 2013 (P.Suguba),
20	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca</i>	Very Rare	3 on 7.7.1999. 28 on 8.8.2002, 104 sightings <2008, >100 roosting on campus Aug 2013 (P Suguba).
21	Straw-necked Ibis	<i>Threskiornis</i>	Recent vagrant	5 on 31.10.2011 (P. Suguba). 56 obs 2012 (P. Suguba),
22	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	<i>Platalea flavipes</i>		4 recorded 01.12.2001 by R. Jones
23	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Very Rare	Seen most years
24	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristattus</i>		Infrequent visitor, 9 recs.
25	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata</i>	Rare 5.9.1988	8 records
26	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Common	Seasonally common
27	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur spheonurus</i>	Common	Breeding
28	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Rare	Breeding
29	Spotted Marsh-harrier	<i>Circus spilonotus</i>	Very Rare 15.8.2003	2 records
30	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Very Rare 16.11.1992	0 records
31	Long-tailed Buzzard	<i>Henicopernis longicauda</i>		2 records 2002
32	Variable (Grey) Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>	Rare	Moderately common
33	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>		2 records

34	Collared Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter cirrhocephalus</i>	Rare 13.9.1989/3 records	9 records
35	Gurney's Eagle	<i>Aquila gurneyi</i>		2 recs. 10.8.1999, Sept 2003
36	Wedge-tailed Eagle	<i>Aquila audax</i>		1 rec 28.4.1999
37	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>		1 obs & photographed 26 Aug 2010 by P. Suguba. Still there until Apr. 2011 (Pr M. Darius). Becoming C visitor 2013 (P. Suguba).
38	Little Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i>	Very Rare	6 records
39	Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora</i>	Very Rare 13.8.1988	0 records
40	Australian Kestrel	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	Very Rare	0 records
41	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>	Very Rare 13.8.1988	0 records
42	Australian Hobby	<i>Falco longipennis</i>		12 records
43	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Very Rare, Roger Hicks/Present 17.2.1988	6 records
44	Spotted Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna guttata</i>	Very Rare	Present, Numbers have increased now common Max=84.
45	Wandering Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>	Very Common	Very common
46	Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>		6 seen 21 Jun. - 16 Jul. 2005. 4 seen 2006. 8 obs 13 Apr 2007 1 obs 9 Jun 07 (P Gregory) 1 obs 11.10.2009 by P Suguba & D Chaplin. 1 obs 21 Jun 2010 Ashley Banwell. Influx of 23-35 Nov 2011, 50-70 permanent 2013 (P. Suguba),
47	Radjah Shelduck	<i>Tadorna radjah</i>	Very Rare	UC, 6-8 Aug-Oct 2005, 22 Oct 2008 R. Jones, 2 obs 26 Aug 2010 – P Suguba. 3 obs most of 2011 (P.Suguba). 2 obs 19.11.2012, 7 obs 27.8.13 (J. Crocombe).
48	Green Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>	Common	Common then Rare 2002>, P again Aug 2013 (J. Cocombe),
49	Australian Wood Duck	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	Very Rare 00.2.1994	0 records
50	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons</i>	Rare	Frequent visitor, when Australia has drought conditions. 3 obs 28.8.13 J. Crocombe,
51	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Common	Common
52	Hardhead Duck	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Rare, 1 obs Sep 1985. (PNGBSN 219/9.)	0 records, 3 P 6-10 Aug 2013 – J. Crocombe, 4 obs 28.8.13 (P. Suguba),
53	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>		MKT, M.Darius & C.Sauka 2002,2003,2005, 1 current nest mound on property.
54	Brown Quail	<i>Coturnix australis</i>	Rare	Present
55	Red-backed Button-Quail	<i>Turnix maculosa</i>	Very Rare 22.11.1988	5 records
56	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Common	Uncommon due to cat plague,
57	White-browed Crake	<i>Porzana cinerea</i>	Common	Bred 1998 lost 2003, periodic residency since.
58	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>		30/06/04 Ian Burrows P3
59	Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis olivaceus</i>	Common	Fairly common, Uncommon in 2005, 2-4 in 2008,
60	Dusky Moorhen	<i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>	Very Common	Very common
61	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Common	Very common
62	Comb-crested Jacana	<i>Irediparra gallinacea</i>	Very Common	Breeds in small numbers
63	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	Rare	5 records >2002
64	Australian Pratincole	<i>Stiltia isabella</i>	Very Rare 00.7.1994	0 records
65	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Very Common	94 in 1998 but Declining since then. Increase in 2011 (P. Suguba).
66	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Very Rare migratory	0 records
67	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Common migratory	Common summer migrant

68	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Very Rare Migratory	4 records.
69	Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>	Very Rare migratory	Six 17.11.2005, 1 remained to 5.12.05, 1 Sep/Oct 2008.
70	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Very Rare migratory	1 obs 27.10.2004; 2 on 31.10.2004, <5 obs 8 days Nov & Dec 2005. 12 obs 4.11.2011 (R. Jones).
71	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		2 recs 28 Sep 2004 & 31.11.04 in experimental paddy.
72	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>		1 rec 23.10.2001,
73	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	2 birds 9.10.2003	4 records
74	Common Sandpiper	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>	Common migratory	Small numbers every summer
75	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Very Rare migratory	9 records 2002>
76	Latham's Snipe (Australian)	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>	Very Rare migratory	Summer migrant (def rec. April, 2001)
77	Swinhoe's Snipe (Chinese)	<i>Gallinago megala</i>	Rare migratory	2 records
78	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Very Rare Migratory	0 records
79	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	1 found dead 10.9.1994	0 records
80	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Rare, migratory	Uncommon becoming common in Rice paddy 2002>.
81	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>		1 in rice paddy c Sharp-tailed Sandpipers 16.12.2002
82	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>		1 in paddy rice plots 14.11.2002
83	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	Very Rare	0 records
84	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Chlidonias nilotica</i>	Rare 13.11.1993	0 records
85	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutes</i>	Very Rare 30.8.1988	0 records
86	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Rare 24.11.1990	1 or 2 flocks semi feral birds, though cats are eating the young of those that nest in homes. 5 seen Oct 2008,
87	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>		2 seen 28.4.2002 & 5.12.2005,
88	Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>	Very Rare 12.2.1988	0 records
89	Great Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena reinwardtii</i>		2 records 28.11.1999, 24.3.2004
90	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Very Rare	Uncommon becoming MC 2003>
91	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>		2 records Nov. 2001
92	Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Very Common	Very common
93	Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Rare	2-4 resident
94	Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantifrons</i>	Very Rare	Moderately common, Sep/Oct 2008,
95	Orange-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus iozonus</i>	Rare	Regular, breeding
96	Ornate Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus ornatus</i>		1 on 19.05.2000
97	Pink-spotted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus perlatus</i>		1 on 18.8.2005.
98	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>		Imm M concussed on Library window 1.6.05.
99	Wompoo Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>		1 record 02.11.2003
100	Zoe Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>		1 on 26.10.1999, 1 on 5.11.2005, 1 on 10.8.2013 – J. Crocombe
101	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Rare 5.9.1988	Common
102	Greater Streaked Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta scintillata</i>	Very Rare 25.11.1989	60 records
103	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Very Common	Very Common
104	Dusky Lory	<i>Pseudeos fuscata</i>		2 records 25.3.2002, & 4 at Whiskey Crk 10.10.2008,
105	Western Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius lory</i>	Very Rare	0 records
106	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>	Common	Common in mango season
107	Blue-collared Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus simplex</i>		70 recorded 19.09.02
108	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Very Rare 2 over campus	3 recs Apr 2004, Most days Sep/Oct 2008,
109	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Very Rare 00.12.1989	18.2.01, 28.03.04, 25.9.2008,
110	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Rare migratory	Common & very annoying between 0100h & 0600h

111	Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis castaneiventris</i>		1 record 6.2.1998
112	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>		3 records
113	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Very Rare	5 records
114	Malay Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx minutillus</i>		8 records
115	White-crowned Koel	<i>Caliechthrus leucolophus</i>		1 recorded 14.4.2002
116	Common Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>		Infrequent April, 1 Apr & May 2011 (M. Darius).
117	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Very rare migratory	Regular passage migrants
118	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	Very Common	Declining due to cat plague,
119	Lesser Black Coucal	<i>Centropus bernsteini</i>		1 seen 14.03.1998
120	Grass Owl	<i>Tyto capensis</i>		Rare, heard 20-23.4.02
121	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Very Common	1-2 resident
122	Barking Owl	<i>Ninox connivens</i>	Rare	Resident pair
123	Papuan Boobook	<i>Ninox theomacha</i>	Very Rare	88 records
124	Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>	Common	6 resident pairs
125	White-throated Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus mystacalis</i>	Rare	0 records
126	Papuan Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus papuensis</i>	Frequently Heard 1998,99,	34 records
127	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus archboldi</i>	Rare/Present	Several resident pairs, 3 nests with eggs/yng found 2003.
128	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia vanikorensis</i>	Very Rare	Uncommon
129	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Rare	1 record 1.7.01
130	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Very Rare	11 records of < 51 birds Spr/Aut Migrants.
131	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Very Rare 04.3.1990	0 records
132	Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>	Common	Several resident pairs
133	Rufous-bellied Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>		3 records
134	Common Paradise-kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera galatea</i>	Very Rare 24.9.1988	0 records
135	Buff-breasted Paradise-kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera sylvia</i>		2 recorded 25.07.04, 06.06.04
136	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon macleayii</i>	Rare migratory	Present
137	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon sancta</i>	Common migratory	Common winter migrant
138	Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla</i>	Very Rare	0 records
139	Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo azurea</i>	Very Rare	4 recorded
140	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Very Rare summer 1990/91	Present, common < 03. 03-04 Absent due to loss of trees.
141	Yellow-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon torotoro</i>		2 present in 2003, 11 records
142	Hook-billed Kingfisher	<i>Melidora macrorrhina</i>		1 recorded 21.07.04
143	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Common part migratory	Breeders present and winter migrants < 500 roosting
144	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Rare migratory	Resident. Two on campus summer 2010/11 (Pr M. Darius),
145	Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta sordida</i>		Periodic visitor. 48 records (mostly heard only) = tramp species between Gallery forest patches.
146	Singing Bushlark	<i>Mirafra javanica</i>	Very Rare	1 record 25.11.2001
147	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Very Common	C until 2001 when nest sites reduced then Mod Common.
148	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>		Nov. 2000 – Feb. 2001, Dec. 2002 – Feb. 2003
149	Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>		5 records in three of eight years
150	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Rare	Common
151	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Rare	Fairly common winter migrant, & local breeder.
152	White-winged Triller	<i>Lalage sueurii</i>	Rare	0 records
153	Pied Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	Rare	First Oct. 2001, resident 2003-2005, 3 pairs 2005. Pr 2008,
154	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	Very Rare	0 records

155	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	Rare		Present
156	Emperor Fairy-wren	<i>Malurus cyanocephalus</i>	Very Rare	22.11.1992	5 seen May & Jul 2004 by MKT and Terence
157	White-shouldered Fairy-Wren	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>	Very Rare		Regular Resident
158	White-throated Gerygone	<i>Gerygone olivacea</i>	Very Rare		Moderately common in Eucalypts
159	Fairy Gerygone	<i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>			Jul, Sep & Dec 2005.
160	Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris</i>			2 obs 9.10.2008 with Phil Gregory.
161	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Very Common		Abundant
162	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula</i>	Very Rare	13.9.1989	3 records,
163	Lemon-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Microeca flavigaster</i>			3 records
164	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>	Very Rare	9.2.1990	1 record 12.10.03. Pr obs 25.11.2012 (J. Crocombe).
165	Jacky Winter	<i>Microeca leucophaea</i>			1 record 2.12.01
166	Chestnut-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hyperythra</i>			2 recorded March, May 2004
167	Black-faced Monarch	<i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>			1 on 06.06.06
168	Grey Shrike-thrush	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Very Common		Common
169	Papuan Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pectorale</i>	Very Rare	25.4.1990	Breeding 29.9.2000, 6 records
170	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Common		2-3 breeding pairs
171	Dusky Myzomela	<i>Myzomela obscura</i>			3 records
172	Graceful Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga gracilis</i>	Rare		0 records
173	Varied Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus versicolor</i>	Rare	4.10.1992	0 records
174	Yellow-tinted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus flavescens</i>	Rare		Locally Common in Eucalypts & Albizzia
175	Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides</i>	Very Common		Common
176	Brown-backed Honeyeater	<i>Ramsayornis modestus</i>	Very Rare	01.12.1989	0 records
177	Rufous-banded Honeyeater	<i>Conopophila albogularis</i>	Very Common		Common
178	Streak-headed Honeyeater	<i>Pycnopygius stictocephalus</i>			4 records 2001, Mod Common 2005.
179	Long-billed Honeyeater	<i>Melilestes mearghynchus</i>			3 birds 8.10.2005,
180	Grey-headed Mannikin	<i>Lonchura caniceps</i>	Very Common		MC – decline noticeable due to mowing and clearing of food sp and refuge spp.
181	Grand Mannikin	<i>Lonchura grandis</i>			1 recorded 30.06.04
182	Chestnut-breasted Mannikin	<i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>	Common		Uncommon, spasmodically common, 2000> VUC.
183	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			< 17 in 2001, UC since appropriate education. Back 2008.
184	Singing Starling	<i>Aplonis mysolensis</i>	Very Common		Locally common
185	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>			Visitor to fruiting fig,
186	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			1 bird seen 8x in Nov 2002
187	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>	Very Common		Crepuscularly VC as <140 roost on campus.
188	Golden Myna	<i>Mino anais</i>			2 present Mar-Jul 2005.
189	Brown Oriole	<i>Oriolus szalayi</i>	Common		Fairly common.
190	Australasian Figbird	<i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>	Very Common		Very common
191	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	Very Rare		Moderately common
192	White-breasted Wood-swallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Very Common		Nesting < 140 roosting
193	Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>	Common		One resident pair along Whiskey Creek,
194	Black-backed Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus mentalis</i>	Very Common		Common
195	Fawn-breasted Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera cerviniventris</i>	Very Common		Common breeder,
196	Glossy-mantled Manucode	<i>Manucodia atra</i>	Common		Present in gallery forest, remnant rainforest & mango orchard
197	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Very Common		Fluctuating in numbers C to VC.

## **KEY**

The scale of abundance ranges through Abundant, Very Common, Common, Present, Uncommon, Rare to Very Rare. Records were kept 1985-1996 by Pr Len Tolhurst (Dean: School of Theology), and 1998-2005 by Prof Mike Tarburton (Dean: School of Science & Technology).