

Hermit Island Systematic Bird Check List

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor peninsulae or palmerstoni</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
2.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
3.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
4.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res	P, 1 captive bird on Manus Mar 1977 said to come from a permanent roost on Maron Island in this group,	5,9,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,5,
6.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, P 1970,	1,3,
7.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	Coll AMNH, P 1970,	1,3,
8.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster (no ssp)</i>	Res bre	P,	1,8,
9.	Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	P in Aug 1970,	3,
10.	Common Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>	Sum mig	P	1,
11.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis anachoretatae</i>	Res bre	P, 7 Coll AMNH,	1,7,
12.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus m. magnirostris</i>	Res bre	Mod Common	3,
13.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	1 spec May	2,8,
14.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum mig	P in 1970	3,8,
15.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	P 1970,	3,8,
16.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	P in 1970,	3,8,
17.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	Said to be Breeding coll PNGM 1970,	3,8,
18.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii bangsi?</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
19.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
20.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
21.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
22.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
23.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba candida</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,8,
24.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
25.	White-bibbed Ground-dove	<i>Gallicolumba j. jobensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
26.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis johannis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
27.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica sejuncta</i>	Res bre	P, Large No's 1970, Type +2 from Loof Isl May 1934. 1 Coll. Pihun Wg smaller & more rounded than <i>D.p.p.</i>	1,3,6,
28.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
29.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus flavicans</i>	Res bre	P 1970,	1,3,
30.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus s. sancta</i>	Win mig	P,	1,
31.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus saurophaga anachoretatae</i>	Res bre	P,	1,3,
32.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus (no ssp)</i>	Win mig	P 1970,	3,
33.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens. 2MIF Coll.	1,4,6,
34.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	P, Breeding 1970, MC-C outside forests.	1,3,4,
35.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena ernstmayri</i>	Res bre	P, Coll PNGM 1970, MC-A in all habitats.	1,3,4,

36.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i> (no ssp)	Res bre	P, LC .	1,4,
37.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis feadensis heureka</i>	Res bre	P, Small Groups .	1,4,
38.	Metallic starling	<i>Aplornis metallica purpureiceps</i>	Res	P 1970,	3,

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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