Lihir Systematic Bird Check List

Including Lihir, Mali, Masahet Sinabiet & Mahur Islands, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Streaked Shearwater	*Calonectris leucomelas*	Win mig	5,000+ close to shore Dec 1987.	18,
2.	Flesh-footed Shearwater	*Ardenna carneipes*	Spr/Aut mig	40 feedingwith other shearwaters Dec 1987,	18,
3.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	*Ardenna pacificus*	Res	10 feeding with other shearwaters Dec 1987,	18,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	*Fregata ariel*	Res	15 seen 800m offshore. Obs Dec 1987,	9,18,
5.	Brown Booby	*Sula leucogaster*	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
6.	Striated Heron	*Butorides striatus*	Bre Res?	Obs,	11,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	*Egretta sacra*	Res bre	P, 2 spec. AMNH. 1 seen in round island boat trip.	1,6,9,16,
8.	Rufous Night-heron	*Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis*	Res bre	P, 3 spec. AMNH.	1,3,4,16,
9.	Black Bittern	*Ixobrychus flavicollis australis*	Res bre	P, 1 in thick forest.	1,9,16,
10.	Eastern Osprey	*Pandion cristatus melvillensis*	Res bre	P, Pr seen, said to breed on Lihir.	1,9,16,
11.	Brahminy Kite	*Haliastur indus girrenera*	Res bre	P, <6 seen in a day. 1 obs. Apr 1987.	1,9,10,16,
12.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	*Haliaeetus leucogaster*	Res bre	P, 1 seen on 2 days	1,9,
13.	Gurney's Eagle	*Aquila gurneyi*	Res?	Obs Feb 1991,	8,
14.	Peregrine Falcon	*Falco peregrinus ernesti*	Res	P,	1,
15.	Variable Goshawk	*Accipiter hiogaster lihirensis*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
16.	Pacific Black Duck	*Anas superciliosa pelewensis*	Res bre	P,	1,
17.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	*Megapodius eremita*	Res bre	2,100 egg-burrows in Luise Caldera.	9,13,16,
18.	King Quail	*Coturnix chinensis lepida*	Res bre	P, 3+ coll AMNH,	1,19,
19.	White-browed Crake	*Poliolimnas cinereus leucophrys*	Res bre	P, Little dorso-ventral contrast in AMNH spec.	1,19,
20.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	*Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons*	Res bre	P, 2M0F coll AMNH,	1,19,
21.	Beach Thick-knee	*Esacus magnirostris*	Res bre	P,	1,
22.	Pacific Golden Plover	*Pluvialis fulva*	Sum mig	2 spec Oct	5,
23.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand-Plover	*Charadrius mongolus*	Sum mig	F Coll 2 Nov 1934 AMNH,	19,
24	Whimbrel	*Numenius phaeopus variegatus*	Sum mig	2M coll 1934 AMNH,	19,
25.	Grey-tailed Tattler	*Tringa brevipes*	Sum mig	1 spec Nov.	5,
26.	Wandering Tattler	*Tringa incana*	Sum mig	1 spec Nov.	5,
27.	Common Sandpiper	*Actitis hypoleucos*	Sum mig	1 on beach @ Luise Harb. 1 obs on track in R'Forest. 3M 3F coll. Oct & Nov 1934, AMNH,	9,10,19,
28.	Swinhoe's Snipe (Chinese)	*Gallinago megala*	Sum mig	2F coll Nov 1934 AMNH,	19,
29.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	*Calidris acuminata*	Sum mig	M&F coll Nov 1934 AMNH,	19,
30.	Red-necked Phalarope	*Phalaropus lobatus*	Sum mig	Rec	17,
31.	Pomarine Skua	*Stercorarius pomarinus*	Sum mig	2 Alaskan birds radio-tracked nearby Nov & Dec 06,Obs 1987,	20,18,
32.	Arctic Jaeger	*Stercorarius parasiticus*	Sum mig	Obs Dec 1987,	18.
33.	Common Tern	*Sterna hirundo*	Sum mig	1 rec Jul 87. Obs Dec 1987,	9,18,

34.	Crested Tern	*Thalasseus bergii*	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
35.	Black-naped Tern	*Sterna sumatrana*	Res	3 offshore Jul.	9,
36.	Bridled Tern	*Onychoprion anaethetus*	Res	6 feeding offshore Jul.Obs Dec 1987,	9,18,
37.	Sooty Tern	*Onychoprion fuscata*	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
38.	Little Tern	*Sternula albifrons*	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
39.	Brown Noddy	*Anous stolidus*	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
40.	Black Noddy	*Anous minutus*	Res	Obs Dec 1987,	18,
41.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-dove	*Macropygia amboinensis*	Res bre	1 or 2 seen daily.	1,9,16,
42.	Black-billed Cuckoo-dove	*Macropygia n. nigrirostris*	Res bre	UC	12,
43.	Pied Cuckoo-dove	*Reinwardtoena browni*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
44.	Stephan's Dove	*Chalcophaps stephani*	Res bre	1 seen daily	1,9,16,
45.	Nicobar Pigeon	*Caloenas nicobarica*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
46.	Bronze Ground-dove	*Gallicolumba beccarii*	Res bre	P, 1 obs Jan 2002,	1,22,
47.	White-bibbed Ground-dove	*Gallicolumba jobensis*	Res bre	P,	1,
48.	Superb Fruit-dove	*Ptilinopus superbus*	Res bre	2 seen in fruiting tree.	1,9,
49.	Red-knobbed Fruit-dove	*Ptilinopus insolitus*	Res bre	<5 seen/day. 2 obs Jan 2002,	1,9,16,22,
50.	White-breasted Fruit-dove	*Ptilinopus rivoli*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
51.	Claret-breasted Fruit-dove	*Ptilinopus viridis*	Res bre	1 on nest c egg 7 Jul.	1,9,
52.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	*Ducula rubricera*	Res bre	V common < 14 at fruiting tree. C. Apr. 1987.	1,9,10,16,
53.	Island Imperial Pigeon	*Ducula pistrinaria*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
54.	Coconut Lorikeet	*Trichoglossus haematodus*	Res bre	10 seen on 2 days C. in Coconuts.	1,9,10,16,
55.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	*Lorius hypoinochrous*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
56.	Cardinal Lorikeet	*Charmosyna cardinalis*	Res bre	Br on Mahir & Masahit A. near Masahet airstrip.	1,9,
57.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	*Charmosyna placentis*	Res bre	VC in coconut groves.	1,9,16,
58.	Finsch's Pygmy-parrot	*Micropsitta finschii*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
59.	Song Parrot	*Geoffroyus heteroclitus*	Res bre	C in Forest	1,9,16,
60.	Eclectus Parrot	*Eclectus roratus*	Res bre	VC in forest 1 pr Apr 87.	1,9,10,16,
61.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	*Chrysococcyx lucidus*	?	Single bird in garden 8 Jul.	9,
62.	Oriental Cuckoo	*Cuculus saturatus*	Win mig	Rare	1,
63.	Brush Cuckoo	*Cacomantis variolosus*	Res bre	8 spec. AMNH. + 1 from Masahit. Single birds daily	1,3,4,9,16,
64.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	*Scythrops novaehollandiae*	Win mig	P,	1,16,
65.	Large-tailed Nightjar	*Caprimulgus macrurus*	Res bre	P,	1,
66.	Moustached Tree-swift	*Hemiprocne mystacea*	Res bre	Pr around caldera, Imm & Ads coll,	1,9,16,21,
67.	White-throated Needletail	*Hirundapus caudacutus*	Aut./Spr mig	1 bird 31 Jan, & 3 Feb 1991,	8,18,
68.	Uniform Swiftlet	*Aerodramus vanikornesis lihirensis*	Res bre	9M13F1imm spec. AMNH. 500 birds in cave in cliff,	1,7,9,16,21,
69.	White-rumped Swiftlet	*Aerodramus spodiopygius*	Res bre	P,	1,
70.	Glossy Swiftlet	*Collocalia esculenta spilogaster*	Res bre	100 birds in cave in cliff. VC. Apr 87, 12M 13F @AMNH	1,9,10,16,21,
71.	Collared Kingfisher	*Todirhamphus chloris*	Res bre	P,	1,16,
72.	Sacred Kingfisher	*Todirhamphus sancta*	Res bre	1 seen 7 Jul.	1,9,
73.	Beach Kingfisher	*Todirhamphus saurophaga*	Res bre	25 seen around island trip.	1,9,16,
74.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	*Ceyx lepidus*	Res bre	3 in forest.	1,9,16.
75.	Bismarck Kingfisher	*Alcedo websterii*	Res bre	P,	1,
76.	Common Kingfisher	*Alcedo atthis*	Res bre	C on beaches @ low tide & up creeks Pr obs.Apr. 87.	1,9,10,16,
77.	Rainbow Bee-eater	*Merops ornatus*	Win mig		16,
78.	Dollarbird	*Eurystomus orientalis*	Res bre	1 in forest 9 Jun.	1,9,
79.	Pacific Swallow	*Hirundo tahitica*	Res bre	4 at Catholic mission. UC-LA near fresh water.	1,9,11,

80.	Red-rumped Swallow	*Hirundo daurica*	Res	4 seen 3 Feb 1991,	18,
81.	Grey-capped Cicadabird	*Coracina remota*	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves 2M1F coll.	1,11,15,16,8
82.	Varied Triller	*Lalage leucomela ottomeyeri*	Res bre	VC. in forest. MC. Apr 1987. MC in rainforests. 4M8F coll.	1,2,9,10, 11,15,16,
83.	Golden-headed Cisticola	*Cisticola exilis polionota*	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m.	1,11,15,
84.	Northern Fantail	*Rhipidura rufiventris gigantea*	Res bre	VC. in forest. MC> Apr 1987. Uses all forest types. 11M 5F Coll.	1,9,10,11, 15,16,
85.	Willie Wagtail	*Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca*	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m	1,11,15,16,
86.	Island Monarch	*Monarcha cinerascens perpallidus*	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens.	1,8,15,16,
87.	Golden Monarch	*Monarcha chrysomela whitneyorum*	Res bre	C dense forest. Pr Obs. Apr. 1987. MC-C in most forests < 700m 11M 8F Coll.	1,9,10,11, 15,16,
88.	Satin Flycatcher	*Myiagra cyanoleuca*	Win mig/Vag	Mar-Oct in forest edges & partly cleared areas. Rec. 1934.	11,14,15,
89.	Bismarck Whistler	*Pachycephala citreogaster*	Res bre	Uncommon in dense forest	1,9,11,16,
90.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	*Pachycephala melanura*	Res bre	Bre Malie & Sinabiet. Malie.	1,11,
91.	Red-banded Flowerpecker	*Dicaeum eximium*	Res bre	C.	1,11,16,
92.	Black (Bismarck) Sunbird	*Nectarinia aspasia*	Res bre	VC. in forests & gardens. MC-C in Forests	1,9,11,16,
93.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	*Nectarinia jugularis*	Res bre	C in forests & gardens.	1,9,11,16,
94.	Singing Starling	*Aplornis cantoroides*	Res bre	Pr @ Luise Harbour. LC.	1,9,11,16,
95.	Metallic Starling	*Aplornis metallica*	Res bre	A. most freq obs species on island. VC. Colony.	1,9,10,11,16,

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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