# Loana Is. Bird Checklist
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<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Common Name</th>
<th>Scientific Name</th>
<th>Ecol. Status</th>
<th>Abundance</th>
<th>References</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Eastern Reef Egret</td>
<td><em>Egretta sacra</em></td>
<td>Res bre</td>
<td>&gt;100 breeding,</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Black Noddy</td>
<td><em>Anous minutus</em></td>
<td>Res bre</td>
<td>Thousands breeding,</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Island Imperial Pigeon</td>
<td><em>Ducula pistrinaria</em></td>
<td>Res bre</td>
<td>C, Many breeding,</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Rainbow Bee-eater</td>
<td><em>Merops ornatus</em></td>
<td>Win mig</td>
<td>500 roosting there, 4 caught,</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Willie Wagtail</td>
<td><em>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</em></td>
<td>Res</td>
<td>Uncommon</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Singing Starling</td>
<td><em>Aplornis cantoroides</em></td>
<td>Res bre</td>
<td>Seen breeding,</td>
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**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.

**REFERENCES**