

Loana Is. Bird Checklist

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

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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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