

# Long Island (Ahrup) Systematic Bird Check List

## Vitiaz-Dampier Straits, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Res bre	Seen regularly in Lake Wisdom, Obs. Sep 1990,	1,7,10,14,
2.	Wilson's Storm-petrel	<i>Fregatta oceanicus (0 ssp)</i>	Win Vag	2 obs 20 nm W 14.8.2007,	21,
3.	Matsudaira's Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma matsudairae (no ssp)</i>	Mig Spr/Aut	1 obs 18 Sth 17.7.1991,	21,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregatta ariel</i>	Res	1 dried body found on island in Lake Wisdom, Obs. Sep 1990,	6,10,14,
5.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, 1 spec. AMNH.	1,2,
6.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	Vag	Locals report in 1972 occ birds prob this species,	5,
7.	Rufous Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus hilli</i>	Res bre	P, 3 spec. AMNH.	1,3,
8.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
9.	White-Bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
10.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. Sep 1990,	1,5,14,
11.	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Res	Obs. Sep 1990,	14,
12.	Meyer's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter meyerianus?</i>	Res bre	P?,	1,
13.	Brown Falcon	<i>Falco berigora novaeguineae</i>	Res bre	P, Seen daily 1972.	1,5,
14.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus ernesti</i>	Res	P,	1,
15.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis reductus</i>	Res bre	P, M coll. Nov. 1933.	1,12,
17.	Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis olivaceus moluccanus</i>	Res bre	P, M coll AMNH,	1,15,
18.	Melanesian Scrub fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
19.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, L. Wisdom Nov 1972, Nov 73, Nov 74.	1,5,
20.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
21.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	2 seen Jul 1972	5,
22.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	Obs. Sep 1990,	14,
23.	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Lobipes lobatus</i>	Sum mig	Sm Flock 22 Apr. 1975.	8,
24.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	MC in 1970's	1,5,8,
25.	Slender-billed Cuckoo Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	Res bre	Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
26.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
27.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>	Res	Obs. Sep 1990,	14,
28.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis meyeri</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
29.	Red-knobbed Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus i. insolitus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
30.	White-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>	Res	Obs Sep 1990,	14,
31.	Coroneted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus coronulatus</i>	Res	Obs sep 1990,	14,
32.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>	Res bre	P,	11,
33.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor subflavescens</i>	Res bre	P,	1,4,

34.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	Obs. Sep 1990,	1,4,14,
35.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous devittatus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,11,
36.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentas pallidior</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
37.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus fortior</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
38.	Common Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>	Res bre	Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
39.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	P,	1,
40.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica ssp?</i>	Not sure	P,	1,
41.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus yorki</i>	Res bre	P,	1,11,
42.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea aeroplanes</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
43.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis pallens</i>	Res bre	Obs. Sep 1990,	1,14,
44.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Res bre	Obs. Sep 1990, 1M in AMNH,	1,14,20,
45.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris stresemanni</i>	Res bre	MC most c green crowns few with white, Obs Sep 1990,	1,5,14,
46.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sanctus</i>	Res	Obs Sep 1990,	14,
47.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	Fairly common, all but 1 with white crowns 1972,	5,
48.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis hispidoides</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
49.	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus salvadorii</i>	Res bre	UC. Obs Sep 1990,	1,11,14,
50.	Hooded Pitta	<i>Pitta sordida novaeguineae</i>	Res bre	LMC-LC in forest, regrowth & remnant forests, Obs Sep 90,	1,9,11,14,
51.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica frontalis x ambiens</i>	Res bre?	UC-LA near fresh water. 4M2F coll. Prob. recolonised >1700	1,9,13,
52.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves	1,9,
53.	Pied Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata aethiops</i>	Res bre	MC-C in grassland with singing perches. 3 Coll., Obs Sep 90,	1,9,13,14,
54.	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus sumbae</i>	Res bre	LC-LA in reed beds and tall grass.	1,9,19,
55.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis diminutus</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m. Obs sep 90,	1,9,14,18,
56.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m	1,9,17,
57.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens nigrirostris</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens. Obs Sep 09,	9,14,18,
58.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res bre	Sole Whistler. C in mangroves, scrub and forest, Obs Sep 90,	1,5,9,14,16,
59.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C outside forests	1,3,
60.	Louisiades White-eye	<i>Zosterops griseotinctus</i>	Res bre	10M Coll., Obs Sep 90,	1,9,13,14,
61.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>	Res bre	Common sea-level to summit. MC-A in all habitats, Obs 1990,	1,2,5,9,14,
62.	Scarlet-bibbed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela sclateri</i>	Res bre	Common sea-level to summit. In forests 3M Coll., Obs 1990,	1,2,9,11, 13,14,
63.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i>	Res bre	MC in forest understorey 370m to summit. Secretive	1,5,9,
64.	Hooded Munia	<i>Lonchura spectabilis</i>	Res bre	LC in Grassland, Obs Sep 1990,	1,9,14,
65.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	LC, Obs Sep 1990,	1,9,14,
66.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	MC-VC, Obs Sep 1990,	1,4,9,14,

## 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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