

Luf Island Systematic Bird Check List

Hermit Group, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Dusky Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>	Sum mig	P, Now only on offshore islets,	1,2,
2.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	Coultas told (1934), it visited this island,	2,
3.	White-bibbed Ground-dove	<i>Gallicolumba j. jobensis</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1934,	2,
4.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica sejuncta</i>	Res bre	300 estimated Aug 1970,	2,
5.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1934, prob obs 1970,	2,
6.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis johannis</i>	Res bre	Coll May 1934, Prob heard 1970,	2,
7.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	1 obs Aug 1970,	2,
8.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	2 obs Aug 1970,	2,
9.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor peninsulae or palmerstoni</i>	Res	P 1970,	1,3,
10.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	P May 1934, A few Aug 1970,	3,3,
11.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	Grey form obs May 1934, Grey & Mottled obs 1970,	2,
12.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	1 obs 1970,	2,
13.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	20 feeding 1 coll PNGM 1970,	3,3,
14.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum mig	5 obs Aug 1970,	2,3,
15.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	20 obs Aug 1970,	2,3,
16.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana (no ssp)</i>	Sum mig	1 P in 1970,	1,3,
17.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	1 obs 1970,	2,3,
18.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res	flocks of 5-150 obs nearby Aug 1970,	2,3,
19.	Bridled Tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	Res/vag	2 in lagoon Aug 1970,	2,
20.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii bangsi?</i>	Res	2 obs Aug 1970,	2,3,
21.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	small flocks Aug 1970,	2,
22.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	on logs onshore Aug 1970,	2,3,
23.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus flavicans</i>	Res bre	C 1934 & 1970,	2,
24.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Win mig	1 obs Aug 1970,	2,
25.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga anachoretiae</i>	Res bre	C 1934, 8 pr on 2 km beach Aug 1970,	2,
26.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus (no ssp)</i>	Win mig	5 obs Aug 1970,	2,
27.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena ernstmayri</i>	Res bre	Prob sighting 1970,	2,
28.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides (no ssp)</i>	Res bre	Coll 1934,	2,
29.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis feadensis heureka</i>	Res bre	Coll 1934,	2,
30.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	Not obs 1934 but A 1970,	2,

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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