

# Malai Is. Bird Checklist

## Siassi Grp. Bismarck Arch. P.N.G.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res?	UC-LA near fresh water.	1,
2.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C-VC in man-made or naturally open country	1,2,
3.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris ?</i>	Res bre	MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens.	1,3,
4.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>	Res bre	MC-A all habitats	1,
5.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C outside forests	1,
6.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	LC	1,

### 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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