

Manus Is. Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	1 rec 1903,	1,8,27,
2.	Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	Vag	1 obs 147 km NE & 175 km NE of Manus 30.1.2000.	54,
3.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	Sum mig	2+ records.	27,
4.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	1 rec 1bird Lou Is 1 obs, 1 obs Aug 05,	5,23,40,
5.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	MC, 9 seen, 1M obs Aug 05, sev close to shore Nov '96,	3,5,22,40,53,
6.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	1 rec 11 birds, 1 obs Aug 05,	5,40,
7.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res	1 obs 5 nov 1996 towards Tong,	53,
8.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Vag	1 rec 30 Jun 1990, 2 obs Aug 05,	1,10,40,
9.	Cattle Egret	<i>Egretta ibis</i>	Vag	1 rec of 6 birds	11,
10.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	C, 3 spec. AMNH VC Feb 1977, White M coll 1945, C 85% Grey form, 3 <4km inland along Lauis R, grey & white forms '96,	1,3,14,22,44, 38,53,
11.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta (Ardea) intermedia</i>	?	P, 2 seen, 3 1 week later Feb 1977. Obs Jan/Feb 2002,	1,22,51,
12.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vagrant	Rare 1 obs Jul 1990.	1,10,
13.	Nankeen Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus hilli</i>	Res bre	P, ? Spec. AMNH, 1 obs Aug 05, 1/2 along larger rivers 1990, 2 obs mangroves 1996,	1,16,38,40,53,
14.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
15.	Striated Heron (Mangrove)	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	P, 3 obs. Jun 1990, 1 obs lagoon 1996,	1,10,53,
16.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res Bre	P, 5 coll. 5 on oxbow of Lauis R Jul 1990,	1,35,52,
17.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, 1 over lagoon 28/6/90, C F coll 1945,	1,38,44,
18.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata coultasi</i>	Res bre	P, 1/2 by Rd on 5 days Jul 1990,	1,24,38,
19.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	Res	P, VC. Feb 1977, <4/day anywhere on island 1990, M coll 1945, 44,	1,3,22,24,38,
20.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	P, Obs Rossun & Pokoum Aug 05, pr, 1, 1 obs <9km inland Jul,	1,3,38,40,
21.	Variable Goshawk (Grey)	<i>Accipiter hiogaster manusi</i>	Res bre	P, <4 daily Rd to Rossun Aug 05, <5/day except 1° forest 1990,	1,24,38,40,
22.	Meyer's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter meyerianus</i>	Poss Res	2 prob sightings 1990, 97. 1 obs 12/7/90,	10,38,
23.	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>	Mig/bre?	1 obs Jun 1997, 98,99.	10,
24.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	?	2 obs Jun, Jul, 1990.	10.
	[Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	Kevin's list could include the small offshore islands & not be on Manus itself, as no one else has found it there.]	3,
25.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P, 3 obs in 1° forest & rubber plantation Jul 1990,	1,3,32,52,
26.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, 1 on waterfall track, 11 on lwr 4km Lauis R., Jul '90 27 Col	3,20,38,39,
27.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus neglectus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,

28.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum Mig	P.	1,24,
29.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	2 spec Oct VC Mar 1977, 16 at Momote airport 21/7/1990, <40 Momote & 6 Harbourside Aug 2005, Also Nov 1996,	1,3,12,22,24, 38,49,53,
30.	Lesser Sand-Plover (Mongolian)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	C. Momote Mar 1977,	1,22,
31.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	3 seen Mar 1977, 14 at Momote Aug 2005, Sev at airport 7 Nov	1,3,22,40,53,
32.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	1 obs Momote Aug 05,	1,40,
33.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	Sev. Seen Feb 1977. 1 ob 30/6 & 11 on 1/7 1990, 2F Coll Sep 1913 & Feb 1934 AMNH, <7 Momote 8/05, 2 6 Nov 1996,	1,3,22,38,39, 40,53,
34.	Bristle-thighed Curlew	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	Vag	1 obs at airfield 13 Aug 2000,	49,
35.	Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>	Sum Mig	Uncommon	3,
36.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	P.	22,
37.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	1 at waterfall & Lorengau C Mar 77, 2M Coll Oct 1913, MC along coast max = 8 at Momote Aug 05, 2 coast 18/7, 1 airfield, 21/7 1990, 3 along shore Nov 1996,	3,20,22,24,38, 39,40,53,
38.	Swinhoe's Snipe (Chinese)	<i>Gallinago megala</i>	Sum Mig	30 at Momote Jan. 1985, F coll Oct 1913 AMNH,	11,39,
39.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum Mig	P,	12,
40.	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Sum Mig- Vag	1 rec. of lg Male.	11,28,
41.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum Mig	2M Oct 1913 9F Sep & Oct 1913, AMNH, Sev airport 7 Nov	961,24,29,39,53,
42.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum Mig	4M3F Coll Oct 1913 AMNH,	39,
43.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Mig	Obs to Sth,	27,
44.	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Win Vag	1 record to Sth Nov, 1 obs 10 nm to Nth 15.1.1986,	26,55,
45.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	2 obs. Offshore Mar 1977. <10/day obs Jul 1990.	3,22,38,
46.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	MC, <7/day Jul 1990, 6 on reef markers Harbourside Hotel 8/05	3,5,38,40,
47.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	MC, 10+ in tuna "boil" off Cape Heussner, Kimbe Bay Aug 05,	11,27,40,
48.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	P,	27,
49.	Grey-backed Tern	<i>Onychoprion lunata</i>	Res	3 seen Jan 1985	11,27,
50.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	2 Kimbe Bay Aug 05,	27,40,
51.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	C Mar 1977, <4 offshore on 3 days, 3 on reef markers Harbour-side Motel Aug 05, C along shore Nov 1996,	22,27,38,40, 53,
52.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Res	C, 100's ea Day, 1 off Lorengau 13/7/90, 3 obs towards Tong,	5,9,38,53,
53.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	<300 offshore Jul 1990, 30+ off Momote Aug 05, sev 5 Nov	'96,27,38,40,53,
54.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	1 off Lorengau Jul 1990, Sev towards Tong 5 Nov 1996,	38,53,
55.	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Vag	20 in winter plumage, mostly 1 st year flock off Lorengau,	51,
56.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	1 past Rossun, 30 obs Jul 1990, 1 Rossun Rd Aug 05, M 6/07	1,20,38,40,52,
57.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, 1M obs Jul 1990, First discovered here,	1,13,38,44,46,
58.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>	Res bre	1 st rec. 15 rec 1990, 11+ in 1997, 15 obs/fruited trees Jul 1990, 1 ea day Rossun Rd & F near Pokoum,	1,6,10,18,20, 38,40,
59.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res bre	2 early morning. 2 juv obs over mangroves, reported to breed in lge numbers on islets, Jul 1990,	1,24,52,
60.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria rhodinolaema</i>	Res bre	MC, 10+ obs rd to Rossun Aug 05, Obs Jan 2002, LC <30 in flock, most in forest edge, some in mangroves, Obs 6/07,	1,3,24,31,33, 38,40,51,52,
61.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor subflavescens</i>	Res bre	P,	1,30,
62.	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Intro.	3 obs Mar 1977, 2 Rossun Aug 05, obs Lorengau 6/07	22,40,52,
63.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	Res bre	Beyond Rossun MC, 4 obs & 1/2 heard daily Jul 1990, MC nr Waterfall 1996,	1,15,20,52,53,
64.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi</i>	offshore Isl,Tong	Visitor 5+ Jun 1990, & 1991, but not seen since,	1,10,19,

65.	Pied Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena browni</i>	Res bre	3 seen along waterfall track. 2 obs Jul 1990,	1,20,52,
66.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>	Res bre	MC, <4/day obs in 2° forest Jul 1990, 2 nr Waterfall Nov '96,	1,20,52,53,
67.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii johannae</i>	Res bre	Obs by Buckingham et al 1990,	1,31,38,
68.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus flavicans</i>	Res bre	20+ on Rossun Rd, Aug 05, av 10/day mostly on islets Jul 1990,	1,24,38,40,42,
69.	Red-flanked Lory	<i>Charmosyna placentis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
70.	Eastern Black-capped Lory [Song parrot]	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>	Res bre	2 near Rossun, Prs over Waterfall Track \$&7 Nov 1996, recorded but presumably in error	9,20,53, 51]
71.	Meek's Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta meeki</i>	Endemic	Abundant, M&F+ col 1913 incl type Tring, 1 obs Jan 2002 LC in forest edge esp along rd & degraded forest Jul 1990, 1 & 3 on Pitta-trail 6/07, MC 1 pr at entrance to hollow in arboreal termite mound,	1,7,11,24,38, 47,51,52,53,
72.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Res bre	<5 day Rossun Rd, Aug 05, 47M 7F obs +10 heard Jul 1990, a few obs over waterfall track Nov 1996,	1,24,38,40,53,
73.	Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Sum Mig	P,	27,
74.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus blandus</i>	Res bre	Juv being fed by Sunbird C. Heard & Seen, 1-2 daily Rossun Rd Aug 05, 1 coll 1945, <2/day heard in 1° forest Jul 1990, UC but juv being fed by Y-b Sunbird Nov 1996,	1,20,22,38,40, 44,53,
	[Chestnut-breasted Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis castaneiventris</i>	?	1/day seen and heard Jul 1990 but needs confirmation,	38]
75.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Mig/res	P, 1 obs 3 Jul 1990,	1,53,
76.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	Uncommon	3,
77.	Rufous Owl	<i>Ninox rufa</i>	Res bre	Heard 1992.	1,24,
78.	Manus Boobook	<i>Ninox meeki</i>	Endemic	MC. 7 heard 1 night, Heard each night 1 seen Aug 05, 1 obs Aug 2000, 1 obs Aug 99, 9 coll incl type 1913 Tring Mus, F have spotted heads, 1 obs Jan 2002 on route to Rossun, 2 obs in day, <3 heard at night <1.5km of road, 1 killed by locals, Jul 90, 2 obs 6/07, 2 obs c spotlight Nov 1996,	1,6,7,11,20,38, 40,41,40,47,51,
79.	Manus Masked Owl	<i>Tyto manusi (formerly novaehollandiae)</i>	endemic	P, Split by IOC version 1.	1,6,50,
80.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea macrura</i>	Res bre	P, <6 Rossun Rd Aug 05, 6 Ad 1 imm in Mus Coll, 1 or 2 coll 1945, 5 pr obs on favourite Kapok or dead trees Jul 1990,	1,22,24,38,40, 43,44,
81.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikornesis coultasi</i>	Res bre	7 spec AMNH, 17 in Coll, C = 2 nd commonest swiftlet, <50/flock Pref for foraging over 2° forests,	1,3,9,17, 24,38,43,
82.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius delichon</i>	Res bre	A. MC. Most numerous swiftlet VC 77. Outnumbered Glossy. 40+ daily Rossun Rd Aug 05, 34 skins AMNH, 4 in ND, <50/flock C 6/07, MC on Waterfall Track nov 1996,	1,3,20,21,22, 37,38,40,43, 52,53,
	[Mayr's Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus orientalis</i>	Res bre	Small numbers along ridges always with spodiopygius, 1-3 daily indistinct or no rump patch Rossun Rd Aug 05.]	21,40,
83.	Glossy Swiftlet (B&W rumps)	<i>Collocalia esculenta stresemanni</i>	Res bre	Most with white rumps. MC. 11F 8M 1 imm Skins in AMNH, 1M skin ND Mus, L & UC <6 in flock, MC (w rump) Nov '96,	1,11,20,22,43, 50,53,
84.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon chloris</i>	Vag	1 poss. rec Jul 1990	10,38,
85.	Common (River) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis hispidoides</i>	Res bre	Along river to waterfall Spec in PNG Mus, 1 at Harbour side Aug 05, 1,1,&3 obs on rivers Jul 90, 3 in mangroves Nov 1996, C Mar 1977. Spec. in PNG Mus. 1 Momote 6/07,	1,3,20,24,25, 31,38,40,53, 1,3,6,22,25,52,
86.	Beach Kingfisher (White-headed)	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Tong Isl.	1 obs Momote Aug 05, 6 obs towns, gardens & mangroves 1990,	1,3,38,40,
87.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sanctus</i>	Win mig	1 obs 2x Pokoum Aug 05, 3+ skins incl type coll 1913 Tring,	1,38,40,47,52,
88.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus</i>	Res bre	2&5 obs on 1 stream Jul 90, 1 heard 6/07, 1 obs nr Waterfall '96,	53,
89.	Azure Kingfisher	<i>Alcyone azurea</i>	Res bre	1 fishing near Lorengau.	22,

90.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win Mig	UC, <17 daily Rossun Rd Aug 05, 19 flocks of <5 obs Jul 1990,3,40,53,
91.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Mig?	6 birds Jun-Jul 1990, ?# 1993, 1 obs 1995, 1 daily Rossun Rd,10,19,20,40,52, 1 obs 6/07,
92.	Superb Pitta	<i>Pitta superba</i>	Endemic	UC. 1 st seen 1975 in forest. Called in beyond waterfall, M obs 1,6,20,26,36, in trees Salasia & Pokoum Aug 05, 1 obs Aug 2000, 4+ coll 38,40,41,47,51, 1913 incl type Tring, 1 obs others heard Jan 2002, Small Pop 52, 2 km Nth of Rossun Jul 90, 3 heard 3km off rd 6/07,
93.	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Vag	Rare 1,
94.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res?	UC-LA near fresh water, 15 at Momote airfield 2 Rossun 1990,1,26,36,40,52, 1 obs Momote & Harbourside Aug 05, 0 obs 6/07,
95.	Manus Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina (papuensis) ingens</i>	Res bre	P. C-VC in forest edges, savanna, regrowth, littoral woodland 1,24,26,36,38, 6M9F Coll. Pr obs most days, 6 obs Rossun Rd Aug 05, M coll 40,44,47,48, 1945, M&F+ incl type coll 1913, Descr of ssp, 1 obs 6/07 split HBW,52,
96.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris admiralitatis</i>	Res bre	C. UC in forest, gardens, savanna & mangroves. 5m8F coll. 1,26,36,40,47, M obs Rossun Rd Aug 05, 2+ coll Sep 1913 Tring, 1 c rufous 53, Tonings 1996,
97.	Manus Fantail	<i>Rhipidura semirubra</i>	End. Admir,	Prob not on main island except as vagrant. Rare, 1,3,20,26,
98.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris niveiventris</i>	Res bre	Pr 1977, Inhabits all forest types and their edges, 52 obs jul '90,1,3,22,26,36, 2 obs Rossun Rd Aug 2005, 3+ coll Sep 1913 Tring, UC 1996,38,40,47,53,
99.	Manus (Admiralty Pied) Monarch	<i>Monarcha infelix infelix</i>	End. Admir,	1 river to waterfall. UC Rainforest, regrowth & Mangroves 1,6,20,26,34, F very dark chestnut backs, M variable, 15M7F, 57 obs +80 36,38,40,52, heard Jul 1990, 2 Rossun Rd, 1 Pokoum Aug 05, Heard 6/07, 53, prs MC Nov 1996,
100.	Spot-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha guttulus</i>	Res bre,	P, 3,
101.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris</i>	Hus Is, Tong Is	P, 3,Filewood, 6,36,
102.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub 1,22,24,26,36, 70 obs Jul 1990, 1 obs 6/07, Obs nr waterfall & mangroves '96,52,53,
103.	Bismarck Whistler	<i>Pachycephala citreogaster</i>	Res bre	In forest & regrowth, 14 obs 1° forest Jul 1990, M obs Waterfall1,24,26,36,40, Rd Aug 05, MC in forest 1996, 53,
104.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>	End sm Isles Bis Arch, Tong Is,	3 flocks 3-5 birds 3km inland '90,1 obs Pokoum1,3,6,38,40, Aug 05,
105.	White-naped Friarbird	<i>Philemon albitorques</i>	Endemic,	C <30/day. Only on main Isl. C in most habitats, C Disturbed 1,3,6,20,22,26, <12 obs daily Rossun & Waterfall Rds Aug 05, C Jan 2002, 34,38,40,51,
106.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	1 obs VC Mar 1977, MC-C outside forests, C in disturbed Hab,3,20,22,24,26, 2 fledl 10/7/90, 10+ Rossun Rd daily Aug 05, MC 1996, 34,38,40,53,
107.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	P Mar 1977, A. groups <6. 3,22,
108.	Black-crowned White-eye	<i>Zosterops atrifrons admiralitatis</i>	Res bre	2-5/day. 1 flock. MC-C in lowlands & hills. 6M Coll, 10-20 1,20,22,26,36, obs most days, <8 obs Rossun Rd Aug 05, 2+ coll Sep 1913 38,40,47,51, Tring, Small nos Jan 2002, LC., 3 obs Momote Aug 05, 1,3,26,40,
109.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	VC. Nesting at Momote on Los Negros. MC-VC, 100 obs many 1,3,22,24,26, days, 20 obs daily Rossun Rd, 36,40,
110.	Metallic Starling (Glossy)	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	on Son Is. 2,
111.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis feadensis</i>	Res bre	

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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