

# Matupit Is. Bird Checklist

## NE of New Britain, P.N.G.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	Very large numbers incubating by geothermal heat, <a href="#">Still flying</a> 1,3, to the island to breed in 2009, even though 18 months of falling ash has turned the island into a “barren desert”. But how will the young ever survive?	
2.	Pale-vented Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccana</i>	Res	MC in grassland up to 1970's,	2,
3.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Still present 2008-09,	3,
4.	Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Sum mig	Still present 2008-09,	3,
5.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	Res	MC pre 1994,	2,
6.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	Res & Win Mig	P in flocks pre-1994.	2,
7.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	Res	Came from the mainland in hundreds after rain, <a href="#">Still visit 2009</a> ,	2,3,
8.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphis chloris</i>	Res	2 obs Dec 2010 even though the island is barren,	4,
9.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>		Still seen on island 2009,	3,
10.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Res bre	The most common bird before 1994 eruption. <a href="#">Still there 2009</a> , <a href="#">though most other birds have left</a> , <a href="#">2 obs Dec 2010</a> ,	2,3, 4,
11.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res	VC pre-1994.	2,
12.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res?	2 obs Dec 2010 entering rotting tops of destroyed coconuts,	4,

### 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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