

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, Still flying 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, Still visit 2009 ,	2,3,
8.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus 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. Still there 2009 , though most other birds have left , 2 obs Dec 2010 ,	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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