

Menam Systematic Bird Check List

(Ninigo Islands) Bismarck Archipelago, PNG.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	1 obs Aug 1970, 2 old mounds.	3,
2.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	50-100 obs 1970 2 coll for PNGM.	1,3,
3.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	1 obs Aug 1970,	1,3,
4.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	P on Manam 1970,	1,
5.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res	P on Manam 1970,	1,
6.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res?	C on Manam 1970,	1,
7.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	1 Obs 30 km to Sth Aug 1970.	1,
8.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Res	Obs Aug 1970.	1,
9.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res Bre	Obs Aug 1970.	1,
10.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	Obs Aug 1970,	1,
11.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	Obs Aug 1970.	1,
12.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	1 spec. AMNH. Obs Aug 1970.	1,
13.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res bre	1 flushed from swamp in centre of island Aug 1970.	1,3,
14.	Nankeen Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus hilli</i>	Res bre	2 Obs Aug 1970, departing centre of island at dusk.	1,3,
15.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	2 Obs Aug 1970.	1,3,
16.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis anachoretiae</i>	Res bre	None seen 1970, A 1934, 11 coll AMNH,	1,2,
17.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Obs only at night Aug 1970.	1,3,
18.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res bre	Few in 1934 but A Aug 1970.	1,3,
19.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res bre	2 pr breeding Aug 1970.	1,3,
20.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	P 1970,	2,
21.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	4 or 5 obs to SW Aug 1970.	3,
22.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	P 1934,	2,
23.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res	P 1934,	2,
24.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res bre	P 1934	2,
25.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res bre	1 or 2 obs Aug 1970.	1,3,
26.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus flavicans</i>	Res bre	A in 1970,	1,3,
27.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	1 obs 1934,	3,
28.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon saurophaga</i>	Res bre	30 pr obs 1 Coll 1970 PNGM. P 1934,	1,2,3,
29.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	Roosted on edge of forest 1970,	1,3,
30.	Ebony Myzomela	<i>Myzomela pammelaena</i>	Res bre	A 1970 2 coll for PNGM,	1,3,
31.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens fulviventris</i>	Res bre	Few in 1934, 200 on Manam 1970 1 coll PNGM,	1,3,
32.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis feadensis heureka</i>	Res bre	Pairs or small flocks 1970,	3,
33.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	1 F obs 1970,	3,

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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