

# Misima Is. (St Aignan) Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	Obs Jul 1994, Obs Oct 1993,	12,20,
2.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	Obs Jul 1994, 4 spec. AMNH, G & W forms coll 1897, Obs Oct 1993,	12,15,20,26,
3.	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	?	3 seen Oct. 2004. Obs Jul 1994,	11,12,
4.	Cattle Egret	<i>Egretta ibis</i>	?	2 seen at the airport Oct. 2004.	11,
5.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	?	1 seen at the airport Oct 2004. Obs Oct 1993 near Bwagaoia,	11,20,
6.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis nesophilis</i>	Res bre?	Rec. F coll Dec 1897, Obs Oct 1993,	6,26,20,30,
7.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res bre	Seen daily once at nest Oct/Nov 2004.	11,
8.	White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	Obs several times by A. Stevens,	20,
9.	Pygmy Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus (Aquila) weiskei</i>	Res	Seen July 1994,	12,
10.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Res	Obs Jul 1994, Coll 1879 LIVCM, also coll by Hamlin 1930 & obs Oct 1993,	12,20,
11.	Grey-headed Goshawk	<i>Accipiter poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	P, MC, 2M coll 1897, Netted & released Oct 1993,	2,7,26,20,
12.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter hiogaster misulae</i>	Res bre	P, "fine series" of M&F and Imm coll 1897-from here, Netted & released Oct 1993,	7,20,26,
13.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Res	Pair obs by A. Stevens,	20,
14.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosus</i>	Red bre	13 at sewage ponds Oct 2004. Pr coll Sep 1897 possibly from here,	11,20,26,
15.	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt macgillivrayi</i>	Res bre	MC, 2F coll 1897, Destroyed mound obs Oct 1993,	7,8,20,26,
16.	Bush Hen	<i>Amaurornis olivaceus</i>	?	Heard Aug 1995, Obs by others,	10,20,
17.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio melanopterus</i>	Res bre	C. 3 skins 2 eggs coll Aug 1897 by Meek, Garden pest 1993, Coll by Hamlin 1930,	7,20,26,
	[Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	Win mig	1 rec. Rare. F coll 1897, This record is from Kimuta,	2,4,7,20,26,]
18.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	Win mig	Mod Common, F coll 1897- by Meek,	2,4,20,26,
19.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P. 3 collected 1897, Coll by others but Meeks were from Kimuta,	4,20,26,
20.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	4 coll Sep, Dec, C Sep & Dec 1897, Latter not this species	16,20,26,
21.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	C, 1 coll Aug 1897 by Meek, Obs 1993,	4,20,26,
	[Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	P, 1M spec 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1897, This spec Coll from Kimuta,	4,16,20,26,]
	[Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum Mig	LC, 2F coll Dec 1897, This spec Coll from Kimuta,	4,20,26,]
	[Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum Mig	LC, coll 27 Nov 1897, This spec Coll from Kimuta,	4,20,26,]
22.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Sum Mig	1 seen at Airfield Jan 85.	6,5,
23.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	VC & coll by Meek 1897,	20,26,
24.	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>	Sum Vag	1 seen at airfield Feb 85.	5,
25.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	C 1929-30 Hamlin,	20,

	[Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	M coll Dec 1897, This spec Coll from Kimuta,	20,26,]
	[Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	M coll Dec 1897, This spec Coll from Kimuta,	20,26,]
26.	White-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli strophium</i>	Res bre	1 feeding in guesthouse garden, several heard Oct 04. Reported 7,11,20,26,27, 1889, C 2+ clutches of 2 coll Sep & Dec 1897-by Meek & 1930,	
27.	Superb fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	Outnumbers White-bibbed Oct 2004, P Jul 1994, C 1897 by Meek and 1930 by Hamlin Also obs 1993,	11,12,20,26,
28.	Red-knobbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus insolitus</i>	Res bre	6M1F coll 1923,	31,
29.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	Res	Seen Jul 1994, 4M2F coll 1897, Also by Hamlin 1930 & obs Oct 1993,	12,20,26,
30.	Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>	Res	Seen Jul 1994, Reported 1889, Ads & imm coll 1897,	12,26,
31.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensishalmaheira</i>	Res bre	UC, F coll 1897?, Coll by Hamlin 1930,	7,20,26,
32.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	MC, Obs Jul 1994, VC 1897-perhaps most coll at Kimuta & only 1 obs 1993,	7,12,20,26,28,
33.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria postrema</i>	Res bre	P, 5 feeding in trees Oct 2004, M coll Sep 1897 possibly from here,	2,7,11,20,26,
34.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor spilorrhoea</i>	Res bre	P, F & eggs from several nests coll Dec 1897, Coll,	7,20,26,
35.	Pinon Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon salvadorii</i>	Res bre	MC, Pr & imm F coll 1897- 1 now in LIVCM & 2 in BMNH, Obs incl 1 nestling Oct 1993,	7,9,20,26,
	[Zoe Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula zoeae</i>	Res bre	P, M coll Jul 1897, Evidence suggests spec from Basilaki not Misima,]	7,20,26,]
36.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	MC, 3 coll 1897 by Meek & obs Oct 1993,	7,20,26,
	[Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus micropteryx</i>	Res bre	P, "not uncommon" 1897, Meeks spec in AMNH, ROM & BMNH prob from Kimuta & not seen Oct 1993 or by Hamlin,]	7,20,26,
37.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>	Res	seen Jul 1994, Coll in BM & Tring 1898, Reported 1889, Seen by Tristram 1882 & De Vis 1890, M coll by Hamlin, Netted & released Oct 1993 when C,	12,20,25,28,
38.	Palm Cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus intermedius</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
39.	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	Res	Seen Jul 1994, 6 spec. AMNH, 5 coll 1897-by Meek & 1930 by Hamlin VC 1993 garden pest,	12,18,20,26,
40.	Buff-faced Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta pusio stresemanni</i>	Res bre	P, series coll 1897- by Meek and later by others, In Tring coll.	2,7,20,26,33,
41.	Red-cheeked Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi sudestiensis</i>	Res bre	MC, Obs Jul 1994, "Good series" coll 1897 by Meek Obs 1993,	7,12,20,26,
42.	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus lucidus</i>	Win Mig	P, F coll 28 Aug 1897- by Meek,	7,20,26,
	[Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	1 record only, 1M coll. 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1897 possibly from here,	2,9,17,20,26,]
43.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win Mig	1 seen flying S 5 Oct 1993, Heard Jul 1994.	12,20,
44.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta misimae</i>	Res	Rec Jul 1994, 4M1F skins in AMNH Coll Aug & Sept, Skins & eggs coll Nov 1897,	12,20,23,26,
45.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis tagulae</i>	Res bre	6 spec. AMNH, Reported 1889, 5 eggs & ads coll from inedible nests Nov 1897- by Meek & obs Oct 1993,	14,20,23,26,28,
46.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris colona</i>	Res bre	UC. "Very fine series" coll 1897, Obs Oct 1993,	2,4,20,26,
47.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win mig	Rec Jul 1994, Coll held 1898, Reported 1889, C Dec 1897- by Meek & in 1930 by Hamlin,	12,20,25,26,28,
48.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophagus</i>	Res bre	2+M2+F and 2 eggs coll 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1897- by Meek,	20,26,
49.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis hispidoides</i>	Res bre	P Jul 1994, C Dec 1897, 6 at AMNH, 1 at ROM col Aug 1897, Coll 1930 by Hamlin,	2,12,20,26,
50.	Forest Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus macleayii incincta</i>	Res/mig	4 spec. AMNH, Dec 1897,- coll by Meek,	13,20,26,
51.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	2 seen Aug 1995, P Jul 1994, C, Fresh plumage by end Aug	2,6,10,12,20,26,

52.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis waigiouensis</i>	Res/Win mig	1897, Coll by Hamlin 1930, MC, P Jul 1994, Reported 1889, M&F coll Nov 1897-by Meek 2,7,12,20,26,28, Coll by Hamlin 1930 & obs Oct 1993,
53.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res?	1 bird seen Bwagaioia Oct 2004, 11,
54.	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Win Mig	LC Apr – Oct. Coll by Meek 1897, 6,20,
55.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris tagulana</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves, 6+ 2,6,7,20,26, coll 1897- by Meek,
56.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomelapallescens</i>	Res bre	MC in rainforests, P Jul 1994, Coll 1897-by Meek, 1930 by Hamlin also by others & obs 1993, 2,6,7,12,20,25,26,
57.	Large-billed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone magnirostris onerosa</i>	Res bre	LC-VC in mangroves, swamps and other wet locations, 3 coll 1897- incl Holotype Hamlin coll it here also 1930, 2,6,7,20,24,26,
58.	[Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons louisianensis</i>	Res bre	series & egg coll Nov 1897, This spec prob coll from Kimuta, 2,6,7,20,24,26,]
	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris nigromentalis</i>	Res bre	MC-C in all forests, forest edges and regrowth of lowlands & hills, C, “Good series “ coll 1897- by Meek & 1930 by Hamlin Reported 1889, Netted & released Oct 1993, 6,7,20,24,26,28,
59.	[Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens rosselianus</i>	Res bre	sev coll “Not rare” 1897, These spec prob coll from Kimuta, 2,6,7,20,26,]
	Spot-winged Monarch	<i>Monarcha guttulus</i>	Res bre	C in Rainforest, monsoon forest & tall regrowth-quiet. 3+ skin s & 2 eggs coll Nov 1897- by Meek, Reported 1892, Coll by Hamlin 1930 Netted & released Oct 1993, 2,6,7,20,26,29,
60.	Spectacled Monarch	<i>Monarcha trivirgatus melanopterus</i>	Res bre	In lower portions of Monsoon forest, Reported rare by Hartert as he did not know Meek had coll 15 (4 AMNH, 6 ROM, 4 BMNH), sev coll 1897, Reported 1892, 2,6,7,20,26,29,
61.	Leaden Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra rubecula sciurorum</i>	Res bre/Win mig	LC Savanna & forest patches, P Jul 1994, 3M coll 1897- by Meek & 1930 by Hamlin also obs 1993, 6,12,20,26,
62.	Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	Res bre	Mar-Oct in forest edges & partly cleared areas, Coll by Meek & Hamlin also obs 1993, 2,6,20,
63.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto lucida</i>	Res bre	UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub, P Jul 1994, 7 spec. from here & Sudest are uniform, 2M F coll 1897 & “not rare”- by Meek & 1930 by Hamlin Netted & released Oct 1993, 6,7,12, 19,20,26,
	[Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis misimae/collaris</i>	Res bre	Sp in AMNH, Skins & eggs coll Nov/Dec 1897, Type coll Nov 1897, - but probably from Kimuta,] 2,3,6,7,20,21,26,32,
64.	[Mangrove Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura misimae</i>	Res bre	F coll, Cannot be found in Qld Mus, 20,24,]
	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges, P Jul 1994, MC 1897-coll Descr 1899, 2 coll 20 Oct 1888 LIVCM & BMNH, Coll 1930 Netted & released Oct 1993 incl 1 partial albino VC, 6,12,20,26,27,
65.	Louisiade Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum nitidum nitidum</i>	Res bre	MC-C but inconspicuous, “Good series” coll 1897- by Meek Netted & released Oct 1993 as <i>D. pectorale</i> , 2,6,7,20,26,
	[Louisiade White-eye	<i>Zosterops griseotinctus aignani</i>	Res bre	P, 2M2F+& 5eggs coll Nov 1897, Evidence that it was coll on small offshore islets not on Misima] 2,6,7,20,26,
	[White-chinned Myzomela	<i>Myzomela albigula pallidor</i>	End E. Papuan Is.	P, Said not on Misima and type did not come from here, probably from a small island nearby such as Kimuta to SE. 2,6,7,20,26,]
	[Cardinal Honeyeater	<i>Myzomela c. cardinalis</i>	Error	Descr by Tristram (1889a: 228) as <i>M rubro-cucullata</i> but not from here.] 20,]
66.	Black Myzomela	<i>Myzomela nigrita louisianensis</i>	Res bre	LMC probably nomadic, P Jul 1994, Reported 1889, 1892, 4M 2,6,7,12,20,26,28,29,

67.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	IF coll 1897- by Meek & 1930, Netted & released Oct 1993, LC, M&F & eggs coll Sep & Dec 1897, Meeks birds from 2,6,20,26, small offshore island, but 6 seen 1993,
68.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus</i>	Res bre	MC-VC. P Jul 1994, 2MIF coll 1897 claims eggs collected 2,6,12,20,26,28, from tree hollows, Reported 1889, Netted & released Oct 1993, Coll 1930 by Hamlin & others,
69.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus carbonarius</i>	Res bre	C. 2,7,24,
70.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Res bre	P Jul 1994, M coll 1897-by Meek, Also coll 1930 by Hamlin 2,6,12,20,26, Garden pest 1993,

## 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** = president.

**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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