

# Mowensand Island Bird Checklist

## off Arawa, Bougainville, PNG

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| #   | Common Name           | Scientific Name            | Ecol. Status | Abundance   | References |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| 1.  | Eastern Reef Egret    | <i>Egretta sacra</i>       | Res bre      | 1 Grey 1 White Mar 1981,                                      | 3,         |
| 2.  | Eastern Osprey        | <i>Pandion cristatus</i>   | Res Bre      | seen nearby   | 2,         |
| 3.  | Solomons Sea-Eagle    | <i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i> | Res Bre      | seen nearby   | 2,         |
| 4.  | Beach Thick-knee      | <i>Esacus magnirostris</i> | Res          | 1 obs 24 Mar 1981,  | 3,         |
| 5.  | Whimbrel              | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>   | Sum mig      | 2 obs 24 Mar 1981,  | 3,         |
| 6.  | Ruddy Turnstone       | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>  | Sum mig      | 6 obs 24 Mar 1981,  | 3,         |
| 7.  | Pacific Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>     | Sum mig      | 140 obs 24 Mar 1981,  | 3,         |
| 8.  | Common Tern           | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>      | Sum Mig/Res  | 1 seen 17.9.2001,   | 2,         |
| 9.  | Black-naped Tern      | <i>Sterna sumatrana</i>    | Res bre      | Nesting Mar, 1 seen 17.9.2001, 50 nests (40 chicks) Mar 1981, | 1,2,3,     |
| 10. | Crested Tern          | <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>   | Res bre      | 100 nests in compact area Mar 1981, Hermit crabs eating egg.  | 3,         |
| 11. | Brown Noddy           | <i>Anous stolidus</i>      | Res          | 5 obs 24 Mar 1981,  | 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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