

# Mushu (Muschu) Island Bird Checklist

## Nth Wewak, PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	UC-LA near fresh water.	1,
2.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis diminutus</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m.	1,2,
3.	White-bellied Thicket-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura leucothorax</i>	Res bre	LC-VC in dense scrub of numerous types.	1,
4.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>	Res bre	UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub	1,2,
5.	Variable Pitohui	<i>Pitohui kirhocephalus</i>	Res bre	Rare- VC in forests	1,
6.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	MC-C in forests and forest edges.	1,
7.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C mostly outside of forests	1,
8.	Mimic Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga analoga</i>	Res bre	C in forest, regrowth & gardens.	1,
9.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	MC-VC	1,
10.	Hooded Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>	Res bre	Prefers riparian forest	1,
11.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Res	P	1,

### 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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