

# Nalualuali (Skeleton) Is. Bird Checklist

## Engineer Grp, Milne Bay P.N.G.

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| #   | Common Name               | Scientific Name                           | Ecol. Status | Abundance             | References |
|-----|---------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1.  | Orange-footed Scrubfowl   | <i>Megapodius reinwardt macgillivrayi</i> | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 2.  | Pacific Reef Egret        | <i>Egretta sacra</i>                      | Res          | Grey form P Oct 2009, | 1,         |
| 3.  | Lesser Frigatebird        | <i>Fregatta ariel</i>                     | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 4.  | Eastern Osprey            | <i>Pandion cristatus</i>                  | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 5.  | Brahminy Kite             | <i>Haliastur indus</i>                    | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 6.  | White-bellied Sea-Eagle   | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>             | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 7.  | Grey Plover               | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>               | Sum mig      | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 8.  | Whimbrel                  | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>                  | Sum mig      | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 9.  | Emerald Dove              | <i>Chalcophaps indica</i>                 | Res          | P Oct 2009            | 1,         |
| 10. | White-bibbed Fruit-Dove   | <i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>                  | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 11. | Pied Imperial Pigeon      | <i>Ducula bicolor</i>                     | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 12. | Eastern Black-capped Lory | <i>Lorius hypoinochrous</i>               | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 13. | Pheasant Coucal           | <i>Centropus phasianinus</i>              | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
|     | [Uniform Swiftlet?        | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>            | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 14. | Blyth's Hornbill          | <i>Rhyticeros plicatus</i>                | Res?         | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 15. | Willie Wagtail            | <i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>               | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 16. | Shining Flycatcher        | <i>Myiagra alecto</i>                     | Res          | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 17. | Torresian Crow            | <i>Corvus orru</i>                        | Res bre      | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 18. | Metallic Starling         | <i>Aplornis m. metallica</i>              | Res bre      | P Oct 2009,           | 1,         |
| 19. | Black Sunbird             | <i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>                 | Res bre      | P Oct 2009,           | 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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