

# Tabar Is. Bird Checklist

Group= Simberi (Fischer), Tabar (Gardner), & Tatau.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P,	1,10,
2.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, 1 imm spec. AMNH	1,2,10,
3.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis australis</i>	Res	P,	1,10,
4.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus girrenera</i>	Res bre	P,	1,10,
5.	Variable (Grey) Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>	Res bre	P,	1,3,10,
6.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
7.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res	P, Locally common	1,10,
8.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata bismarckii</i>	Res	P,	1,10,
9.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,3,
10.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	P,	1,4,10,
11.	King Quail	<i>Coturnix chinensis lepida</i>	Res Bre	P,	1,3,
12.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis lesouefi</i>	Res bre	P, Local	1,3,
13.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	P, MC, M coll AMNH,	1,3,11,
14.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, 5 coll, breast shield variable,	1,11,
15.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Sum mig	2 Alaskan birds radio-tracked nearby Nov & Dec 06,	12,
16.	Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia amboinensis</i>	Res bre	Common	1,10,
17.	Black-billed Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia nigrirostris</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,3,
18.	Pied Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena browni</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,3,10,
19.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	1,10,
20.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>	Res bre	Fairly Common	1,10,
21.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii</i>	?	P,	1,
22.	White-bibbed Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba jobiensis</i>	Res bre	Local uncommon	1,3,
23.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	P,	1,
24.	Red-knobbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus insolitus</i>	End Bis	UC/C,	1,3,10,
25.	White-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus rivoli</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,10,
26.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera</i>	Res breed	Common	1,10,
27.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	Common	1,4,10,
28.	Cardinal Lory,	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Common	1,4,
29.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	Res bre	Common	1,4,10,
30.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placensis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,10,
31.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinchrous</i>	Res	P,	10,
32.	Finsch's (Green) Pygmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta finschii</i>	End Bis	Fairly common	1,10,

33.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>	Res bre	Common	1,10,
34.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,10,
35.	Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus tabarensis</i>	Res bre	2 spec. AMNH.	1,2,5,10,
36.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	P,	1,10,
37.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,
38.	Moustached Tree-swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea</i>	Res bre	Uncommon, 4Ad 2imm Mus Coll,	1,10,13,
39.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lihirensis</i>	Res bre	MC, 2M spec. AMNH	1,6,10,13,
40.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	uncommon	1,
41.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta spilogaster</i>	Res bre	Common, 6M8F skins AMNH,	1,10,13,
42.	Common (River) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,10
43.	Little (Mangrove) Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,3,10,
44.	Variable Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,3,10.
45.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win mig	2,1, obs Jul 1997.	1,7,
46.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	Common	1,3,10,
47.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i>	Res bre	P,	1,10,
48.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Res/Mig	Uncommon	1,3,
49.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Mig/vag?	1+ obs. Jul 1997	7,10,
50.	Red-bellied Pitta	<i>Pitta erythrogaster splendida</i>	Res bre	MC in Forests and remnant forest.	8,9,10,
51.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res?	UC-LA near fresh water.	1,8,
52.	Grey-capped Cicadabird	<i>Coracina remota</i>	Res/Mig	UC in forest, forest edges, gardens, savanna & mangroves	1,8,10,
53.	Varied Triller	<i>Lalage leucomela tabarensis</i>	Res bre	Common MC in rainforests. 4F3M coll.	1,8,9,10,
54.	Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis polionota</i>	Res bre	C in savanna and other grasslands < 1000+ m. 1 <sup>st</sup> rec.	8,9,
55.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	C.C-VC man-made or naturally open country < 850m	1,7,9,10,
56.	Northern Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufiventris gigantea</i>	Res bre	C. MC-C in all forests, forest edges and regrowth of lowlands & hills 4M Coll.	1,8,9,10,
57.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens perpallidus</i>	Res bre	C. MC-VC Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens. 2M1F.	1,8,9,10,
58.	Golden Monarch	<i>Monarcha chrysomela tabarensis</i>	Res bre	MC-C in most forests < 700m. 5M 4F Coll.	8,9,10,
59.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto chalybeocephalus</i>	Res bre	UC-C in Lowland Swamp forest, littoral & riparian scrub	1,8,9,10,
60.	Bismarck Whistler	<i>Pachycephala Citreogaster</i>	Res bre	Common in forest & regrowth. 7M2F Coll.	1,8,9,10,
61.	Black Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia aspasia</i>	Res bre	C. MC-C in forests and forest edges.	1,8,10,
62.	Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	MC-C outside forests.	1,8,10,
63.	Red Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cruentata cantans</i>	Res bre	UC-LMC following flowering trees. 8M 3F	8,9,10,
64.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	LC.	1,8,10,
65.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica</i>	Res bre	Common. MC-VC	1,8,10,

## 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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