

Takuu (Mortlock) Islands Systematic Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	Reported as Rare visitor,	4,5,
2.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	Reliably reported to nest,	4,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Vag	Breeds in the mangroves on sanctuary atolls. Seen all atolls	01,4,5,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	Probably breeds on sanctuary atoll.	4,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res Bre	Nests on ground on sanctuary islets.<20 seen on Sanctuary	01, 4,5,
6.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res Bre	Nest on Mangroves on sanctuary Islets. 1 coll. 1962, Sev doz seen on Sanctuary Islet,	4,5,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	W. G. & Mottled forms seen Nov 2001,	4,5,
8.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	P Nov 2001,	5,
9.	Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Mig	2 seen Nov 2001,	5,
10.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov. 2001, Obs Sep 2006,	5,6,
11.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	P Nov. 2001,	5,
12.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum Mig	P ID by Call Nov 2001,	5,
13.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	UC Nov 2001,	2,5,
14.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	UC Nov 2001,	5,
15.	Brown (Common) Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	Nesting on or close to ground Nov 2001, <100 on Atoll,	2,4,5,
16.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	1 coll. 1962, <500 nesting on Sanctuary Atoll Nov 2001,	5,
17.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res	Breeds, <50 breeding on Santuary Atoll Nov 2001,	2,4,5,
	[Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacificus</i>	Vag	Informants say they visit occasionally,	5,]
18.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win Vag	2 coll. 1962,	4,5,
	[Oriental Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	Sum Mig	Informants said present for part of the year.	5,]
19.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res Bre	P,	1,4,
20.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis f. feadensis</i>	Res bre	Seen pecking at eggs of brooding Black Noddies & eating Unattended eggs on Sanctuary Isl,	4,5,3,

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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