

Witu Is. (Garowe) Bird Checklist

Bismarck Arch. (70 km off W. NB,) PNG

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Little Grebe	<i>Podiceps ruficollis</i>	?	P, A # present in crater lake.	1,4,5,6,
2.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>	Res	1 seen offshore.	5,
3.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	P,	6,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P, R 1 shot but wasted 1925,	1,15,
5.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	Res	P,	1,
6.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res bre	P, Obs 1925,	1,15,
7.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P, P, Obs 1925,	1,6,15,
8.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Vag?	P, 1 bird seen Aug 1972.	1,4,6,
9.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	Several seen, 8 Ad 3nestlings 2eggs coll Jul 1925 Tring Mus,	6,15,
10.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	Several seen Aug 1972, C 1925 though no mounds located,	6,15,
11.	Red-necked Button-Quail	<i>Turnix maculosa</i>	Res bre	1 flushed Aug 1972.	6,
12.	Bush Hen	<i>Amaurornis olivaceus</i>	Res bre	P, MC (coll) 1 nest with egg coll Jul 1925,	1,15,
13.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	P, 3M 5F Coll Jul 1925, AMNH, Coll 8 th 17 th 18 th Jul 1925 C,	6,12,15,
14.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	Common, 1 coll May 1925,	6,15,
15.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	P,	8,
16.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi (krakari)</i>	Res bre	Coll, Several seen	1,6,9,
17.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii johannae</i>	Res bre	Coll,	1,
18.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Gallicolumba s. stephani</i>	Res bre	Coll, Common,	1,6,
19.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis meyeri</i>	Res bre	Coll, MC. C & coll Jun & Jul 1925,	1,3,6,15,
20.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria vanwyckii</i>	Res bre	Coll, Common, R only 1M coll 1 Jul 1925,	1,6,15,
21.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>	Res	P,	16,
22.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Coll, Common, MC 1925,	1,6,15,
23.	Eastern Black-capped Lory	<i>Lorius hypoinochrous devittatus</i>	Res bre	Coll, P, Series coll 1925 nest obs,	1,6,15,
24.	Red-flanked Lory	<i>Charmosyna placentis pallidior</i>	Res bre	Coll, Abundant, C eggs and nestlings obs jun/Jul 1925,	1,6,15,
25.	Buff-faced Pygmy-parrot	<i>Micropsitta p. pusio</i>	Res bre	Coll, R 2 coll 1925,	1,15,
26.	Erectus Parrot	<i>Erectus roratus goodsoni</i>	Res bre	Coll, C but persecuted by planters 1925,	1,6,15,
27.	Song Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	Coll, R 1F coll Jul 1925,	1,15,
28.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta tametamele</i>	Res bre	Coll, Common, 3M 5F skins AMNH, C jun/Jul 1925,	1,2,6,14,15,
29.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis pallens</i>	Res bre	Coll, Common	1,6,
30.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris stresemanni</i>	Res bre	Coll, MC. C series coll 1925,	1,6,15,
31.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus saurophaga anachoretiae</i>	Res bre	Coll, Several seen, UC 5 coll Jun/Jul 1925 Tring Mus,	1,4,6,15,
32.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Win mig	Coll, 1 seen 20 Aug 1972, C series coll Jun/Jul in moult 1925,	1,6,15,
33.	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus</i>	Win mig	F coll 23 Jul 1925 Tring Mus,	15,

34.	Common Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis crassirostris</i>	Res bre	Coll, UC 4 coll Jun/Jul 1925 Tring Mus,	1,15,
35.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Win mig	Seen 19 Aug 1972, UC Jul 1925,	6,15,
36.	Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	Vag	1 seen	4,6,
37.	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae melanops</i>	Win Mig	LC Apr – Oct. F Coll. 4 Jun 1925, R 1 col 4 Jun 1925,	7,11,15,
38.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	Coll, C-VC in man-made or naturally open country < 850m C 1925,	1,6,7,15,
39.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res bre	Coll, Prs displaying in Aug 72. MC-VC Littoral forest/Scrub. C 10 coll 1925 Tring,	1,6,15,
40.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto lucidus</i>	Res bre	F's have pale back.	10,
41.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res bre	Coll, F mist-netted, M seen Aug 72. In forest & scrub + mangroves, C 1925,	1,5,6,15,
42.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	Coll, Eichhorn said it does not occur on Witu,	1,15,
43.	Scarlet-bibbed Myzomela	<i>Myzomela sclateri</i>	Res bre	Coll, Mist-netted Aug 72. A. in coconuts & Br Aug. 5M Coll. VC "fine series" coll 1925,	1,4,5,6,7,15,
44.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	Coll, Nesting Aug 72. LC, C 1925,	1,6,7,15,
45.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus</i>	Res bre	Coll, Active colony. MC-VC, VC 1925,	1,6,7,15,
46.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru insularis</i>	Res bre	Coll, Common, C 1925,	1,6,7,15,

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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