

# Nggatokae (Gatukai) Island Bird Checklist

## New Georgia Group, Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vag	Rare. Flock arrived early in 1952.	2,7,
2.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax m. melanoleucos</i>	Res?	P,	2,
3.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, 1 spec. AMNH.	2,4,
4.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides (Ardeola) striata solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
5.	Rufous Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
6.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
7.	Pacific Baza	<i>Aviceda subcristata proxima</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
8.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
9.	Solomon Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	End Sol	P,	2,
10.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
11.	Meyer's Goshawk	<i>Accipiter meyerianus</i>	?	Prob rec c 1990.	7,
12.	Melanesian Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	Fairly common	2,
13.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
14.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
15.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
16.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
17.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis vulcanorum</i>	Res bre	P, 4+ Coll.	2,3,
18.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisi</i>	End Bis-Sol	P,	2,
19.	Red-knobbed Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera rufigula</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
20.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
21.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
22.	Crested Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Reinwardtoena crassirostris</i>	End Sol	P,	2,
23.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
24.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
25.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
26.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
27.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
28.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
29.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
30.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>	Win mig	P,	2,
31.	Buff-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus milo albidiventris</i>	End C Sol	P,	2,
32.	White-throated Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus mystacalis nigripennis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
33.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
34.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta becki</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
35.	Moustached Tree-Swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
36.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis salomonensis</i>	Res bre	P,	2,

37.	Variable Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx lepidus collectoris</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
38.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Res bre ?	P,	2,
39.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris alberti</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
40.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
41.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P	2,
42.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus mendanae</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
43.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
44.	Barred Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina lineata ombriosa</i>	End Bis-Sol	P,	2,
45.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis elegans</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
46.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris saturiator</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
47.	Solomon Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina holopolia pygmaea</i>	End Sol	Unc Low Com Hi	2,
48.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
49.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons granti</i>	Res bre	P, ? spec. AMNH	2,5,
50.	White-capped Monarch	<i>Monarcha richardsii</i>	End Nga Grp	P,	2,6,
51.	Steel-blue Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ferrocyanea feminina</i>	End Sol	P,	2,
52.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis centralis</i>	Res bre	P, 8+ spec taken 1928.	1,2,
53.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
54.	Central Solomons White-eye	<i>Zosterops rendovae kulambangrae</i>	End Sol	P, 17M 6F Coll. 1928.	2,8,
55.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
56.	Brown-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis g. grandis</i>	End Sol	P, 3 coll.	2,3,
57.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica nitida</i>	Res bre	P,	2,
58.	Yellow-faced Myna	<i>Mino dumontii krefftii</i>	Res bre	P,	2,

## 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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