

# Gizo Island Bird Checklist

## New Georgia Group: Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Heinroth's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus heinrothi</i>	?	5 obs 14/2/2010,	32,
2.	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna griseus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	9 seen	8,
3.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>	Spr/Aut mig	20,000 flying N in Strait 11.5.2000 0730-0950h: N Cheshire.	23,34,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	MC, 26 circling Dec 2005, obs 14/2/2010,	4,8,24,32,
5.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	Obs 14/2/2010, Sev with L Frig off shore Sep 2009,	32,35,
6.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Vag	1 rec	8,
7.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	12+ to S of island 26 Aug 1990, Obs 14/2/2010, 15 Ad & Imm	31,32,35,
				on sand bar Sep 2009,	
8.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vag	Rare	2,
9.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Vag?	Uncommon	2,
10.	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Vag	1 <sup>st</sup> rec flying along coast 17 Sep 2004,	25,
11.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	Common	1,3,
12.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, 1 flying over swamp 15.12.2005, Obs 14/2/2010,	1,3,4,24,32,
13.	Rufous Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P,	1,2,3,
14.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	P, Common, 1 obs Aug 1990.	1,2,3,31,
15.	Pacific Baza (Crested Hawk)	<i>Aviceda subcristata proxima</i>	Res bre	P, <3 over Swampy valley W of Gizo 31 July 1990, P 14/2/10,	1,2,3,4,9,31,32,
16.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res bre	P, 1 seen 15.12.2005, 2 Ad 1 Juv obs 31 Jul 1990,	1,2,3,4,24,31,
17.	Pied Goshawk	<i>Accipiter albogularis gilvus</i>	Res bre	P, C. 1 seen flying to forest with lizard. Pale form obs 31 Jul 90,	1,2,3,4,20,31,
				Obs 14/2/2010, 1 obs Sep 2009,	32,35,
18.	Variable Goshawk	<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae rubianae</i>	Res	P, Coll 1927 AMNH, 1 obs in plantation & tall 2° forest 1990,	2,6,31,
19.	Solomons Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	Res	P, 1 obs Aug 1990 & possibly one old nest located, P 14/2/10,	2,3,31,32,
20.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res	P, High density Nests 1.5-2km apart within 200m of coast.	2,3,20,31,32,
				<5 around Gizo town 26 Aug 1990, Obs 14/2/10,	
21.	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus papuanus</i>	Vag	Rare? 1 <sup>st</sup> Solomon specimen,	1,2,3,9,26,
22.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	End Bis-Sol	P, 2 in swamp-forest & 8 heard from Rd, Aug 1990,	1,2,3,31,
23.	Rufous-tailed Bush-hen	<i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i>	Res b re	P, Fairly common	2,3,18,
24.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, 1 heard in taro swamp 15.12.2005, 3 in damp grassland at edge of Gizo town,	1,2,3,24,31,
25.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	P, 2 obs Sep 2009,	2,35,
26.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	1 spec Nov.	13,
27.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	1 spec. Nov, = F AMNH,	13,27,
28.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	1 on beach 13.12.2005, 11 on reef on New Maura side 27 Aug,	24,31,
29.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	UC, 1 on beach 13.12.2005,	12,24,

30.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Sum mig	5 <sup>th</sup> pub rec for Melanesia,	25,
31.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	1 on beach 26 Aug 1990,	31,
32.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	P 14/2/2010, 10 on sand islet offshore Sep 2009,	32,35,
33.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	MC 100's, 7 offshore Dec 2005, <50 on islets W of Gizo town 3,8,24,31,32, & possibly had laid the eggs amongst the Roseate colony on Sagharughombe, 6 on rocks near harbour, P 14/2/10,	3,8,24,31,32,
34.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res bre	20+ Pr bre Sagharughome Isl 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug 1990. 4 on rocks near Gizo town 27 Aug 1990, 100's offshore	16,18,31,
35.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig		8,18,
36.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	Offshore, <40 on reefs near New Maura Aug 1990, P 14/2/10,	8,18,31,32,
37.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	MC Offshore Sep 2009,	35,
38.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res	2 & 3 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2005, P 14/2/2010,	18,24,32,
39.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	Offshore. Fiji banded bird recaptured 15.11.1983. 11 on posts & markers 15.12.2005, < 200 on a cay N of Nusatupe Aug 1980, P 14/2/2010,	8,18,22,24,31,32,
40.	Superb Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i>	Res bre	Common	1,2,3,
41.	Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisi</i>	Res bre	MC, <9 in swampy forest & 14 along roads Aug 1990. 3F1M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,4,9,31,33,
42.	Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula rubricera rufigula</i>	Res bre	C, P 14/2/2010, M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,32,33,
43.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res	P 14/2/2010,	32,]
44.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	C, Flying along coast in ones and twos 12-14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2005, <8 possibly roosting in swampy valley W of Gizo town, 3M Coll 1903, C Sep 2009,	1,2,3,9,24,31,33,35,
45.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	C, P 14/2/10,	1,2,3,4,32,
46.	Stephan's Ground-Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i>	Res bre	C, 1 obs in thick 2 <sup>o</sup> scrub Aug 1990, 2M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,31,33,
47.	Bronze Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii intermedia</i>	Res bre	Rare, localised, M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,33,
48.	White-bibbed Ground-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba jobiensis</i>	Res bre	Rare – possibly in error as the third Sol Isl (Makira) is missed,	3,
49.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	UC, 2F1M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,33,
50.	Cardinal Lory,	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	C, 25 on 15.12.2005, 37 obs Aug 1990, M&F Coll 1903, VC Sep 2009,	1,2,3,4,9,24,31,33,35,
51.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	C, 20 flying with 25 Cardinal Lories 15.12.2005, <88/day obs Aug 1990, 2F4M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,4,9,24,31,33,
52.	Duchess Lorikeet	<i>Vini margarethae</i>	End	MC, 1 obs Aug 1990, M Coll 1900,	1,2,3,31,33,
53.	Finsch's Pigmy Parrot [Meek's Lorikeet	<i>Micropsitta finschii tristrami</i>	End Bis-Sol	MC, 4M4F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,33,
54.	Ducorp's Cockatoo	<i>Chamosyna meeki</i>	End Sol	Obs 14/2/2010	32,]?
55.	Eclectus Parrot	<i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i>	End Bis-Sol	C, Flocks of 40, 16, & 33 obs Aug 1990,	1,2,3,31,
		<i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i>	Res bre	LC, <32/day obs Aug 1990, P 14/2/2010, 2M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,31,32,33,
56.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i>	End Bis-Sol	MC, <10/day obs Aug 1990, P 14/2/2010, 2M1F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,31,32,33,
57.	Long-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	1 obs 1998,	25,
58.	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus lucidus</i>	Win Mig	1 F spec coll May 1928.	7,
59.	Eastern Koel	<i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i>	Win mig	Uncommon, widespread, M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,33,
60.	Buff-headed Coucal	<i>Centropus milo albidiventris</i>	End Bis-Sol	Fairly common, 2M Coll 1903,	1,2,3,4,9,11,33,
61.	White-throated Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus mystacalis nigripennis</i>	Res bre	Fairly Common 1M2F Coll 1903,	2,3,9,33,
62.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta becki</i>	Res bre	A, P 14/2/2010,	1,2,3,4,32,

63.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res	Only 1 flock of 19 obs Aug 1990, P 14/2/2010,	31,32,
64.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	2 obs 19.2.1990.	36.
65.	Moustached Tree-Swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i>	Res bre	MC, 5 on 15.12.2005 include Nestl. in Casuarina, 2 skins Mus 7 obs Aug 1990,	1,2,3,4,24,28,31,
66.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis solomonensis</i>	Res bre	MC, 1 obs Aug 1990, M&F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,9,31,33,
67.	Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla richardsi</i>	Res bre	UC, 1 obs Aug 1990, F Coll 1903,	2,3,9,31,33,
68.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Win mig	UC, 6 obs in Gizo, 3 on reefs & 7 from road Aug 1990, Obs Sep 2009- "breeds in small no's locally",	1,2,3,9,31,35,
69.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris alberti</i>	Res bre	C, 24 obs 26 Aug 1990, 1F2M Coll 1903,	2,3,24,31,33,
70.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	C, 11 obs Aug 1990, P 14/2/2010, 3M1F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,4,9,31,32,33,
71.	Dollar Bird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i>	Res bre	C, 2 obs Aug 1990,	1,2,3,31,
72.	Blyth's Hornbill	<i>Aceros plicatus mendanae</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	2,3,
73.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C, 1 on 14 <sup>th</sup> 2 on 15 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> .12.2005, <14 obs around town & at swamp Aug 1990, P 14/2/10,	1,2,3,24,24,31,32,
74.	Barred Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina lineata ombriosa</i>	Res bre	C, <5 obs in degraded forests only 1 from road Aug 1990, 3M 2F Coll 1903,	2,3,4,31,33,
75.	White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis elegans</i>	Res bre	C, Descr of ssp, 5 obs in swamp 16 from road Aug 1990, 1F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,30,31,33,
76.	Grey-capped Cicadabird	<i>Coracina remota</i>	Res bre	UC, Only 1 heard from road Aug 1990,	1,2,3,31,
77.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res bre	Abundant, 2 on 14.12.2005, 32 obs from road 1 pr nesting Aug 1990, P 14/2/10,	1,2,3,9,15,24,31,32,
78.	Rufous Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons granti</i>	Res bre	MC ? spec. AMNH, 2 obs only Aug 1990, 3M3F Coll 1903,	2,3,9,15,31,33,
79.	White-capped Monarch	<i>Monarcha richardsii</i>	Res bre	MC, <6 obs at swamp & 22 from road Aug 1990, 5M3F Coll 1903, MC Sep 2009,	2,3,4,5,9,31,33,35,
80.	Steel-blue Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra ferrocyanea feminina</i>	Res bre	MC, <4 obs at swamp & 5 from road Aug 1990, 5M4F Coll 1903, 3 obs Sep 2009,	2,4,9,31,33,35,
81.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	C, 3 on 15.12.2005, <7/day in swamp & town & 78 from road Aug 1990, 5M1F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,4,24,31,33,
82.	Splendid White-eye	<i>Zosterops luteirostris</i>	End Gizo	MC MC close to town. <14/day obs at swamp & 20 from road Aug 1990, preferring older 2 <sup>0</sup> growth, 14M4F Coll. 1927/8, 4F5M Coll 1903, 2M 1927/8, 10 obs Sep 2009,	2,3,4,5,6,9,10,19,21,31,33,35
83.	Yellow-vented Myzomela	<i>Myzomela e. eichhorni</i>	End NGa Grp	C – MC, 2 spec. AMNH, <8 obs in Swamp & 18 from roads Aug 1990, 4M4F Coll 1903, MC Sep 2009,	2,3,4,9,14,31,33,35,
84.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>	Res bre	C, Coll, Building nest & feeding Yng in foreshore building 13-15.12.2005, <20 obs at swamp & <30 from road Aug 1990, Obs entering hollows carrying food, P 14/2/10, 1M3F Coll 1903,	1,2,3,6,9,24,31,32,33,
85.	Brown-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis g. grandis</i>	Res bre	C, 4 obs in swamp & 0 from road Aug 1990, M&F Coll 1903, C Sep 2009,	2,3,9,31,33,35,
86.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallicus nitida</i>	Res bre	C, <80 obs in swamp & 48 from road Aug 1990, P 14/2/10,	1,2,3,4,9,31,32,
87.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	Extinct	1,2,3,
88.	Melanesian Myna	<i>Mino kreffii</i>	Res bre	C, <7 obs in swamp & 18 from road Aug 1990, P 14/2/10, 2M 2F Coll 1903, MC Sep 2009,	1,2,3,4,9,31,32,33,35,

## 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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