

Malaita Island Bird Checklist

Solomon Islands

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
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| 1. | Wedge-tailed Shearwater | <i>Ardenna pacificus</i> | Res? | P between Auki & Florida 11 Oct 1997. | 36, |
| 2. | Australian Pelican | <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i> | Vag | Rare | 2,3, |
| 3. | Eastern Reef Egret | <i>Egretta s. sacra</i> | Res bre | 1 coll Feb 1930 1 spec. AMNH | 2,13,14, |
| 4. | Striated Heron | <i>Butorides (Ardeola) striata solomonensis</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll. Feb 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 5. | Rufous Night-Heron | <i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll Apr 1930, 1+ spec. AMNH | 1,2,13,18, |
| 6. | Pacific Baza | <i>Aviceda subcristata</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll. Feb 1930 | 1,2,13, |
| 7. | Brahminy Kite | <i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i> | Res bre | P, 1 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 1,2,30, |
| 8. | Variable Goshawk | <i>Accipiter novaehollandiae hiogaster/ malaitae</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll. Apr 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 9. | Pied Goshawk | <i>Accipiter albogularis woodfordi</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll. Feb 1930. | 13,29, |
| 10. | Oriental Hobby | <i>Falco severus</i> | Mig? | Pair observed 14 May 2002, | 36, |
| 11. | Solomon (Sanford's) Sea-Eagle, | <i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i> | Res bre | P, P. | 1,26, |
| 12. | Eastern Osprey | <i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll. Feb 1930. | 1,13, |
| 13. | Pacific Black Duck | <i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i> | Res bre | P, 1 coll. Mar 1930. 1 coll. | 1,2,13,28, |
| 14. | Melanesian Scrub Fowl | <i>Megapodius eremita</i> | Res bre | Common 1 coll. Mar 1930 | 1,2,13, |
| 15. | Buff-banded Rail | <i>Gallirallus philippensis christophori</i> | Res bre | P, 3 seen Oct 1997 in gardens >300m | 2,21, |
| 16. | Woodford's Rail | <i>Nesoclepeus woodfordi</i> | Res bre | 4 seen 2 heard 14 Jun 2002, Obs just out of Auki Sep 2009, | 31,37, |
| 17. | Rufous-tailed Bush-hen | <i>Amaurornis moluccanus nigrifrons</i> | Res b re | P, C, 6 seen,13 heard Oct 1997. | 1,2,21,25, |
| 18. | Purple Swamphen | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i> | Res bre | P, 3 coll Mar Apr 1930, 2 coll AMNH, | 1,2,13,32, |
| 19. | Beach Stone-curlew | <i>Esacus magnirostris</i> | Res bre | P, | 2, |
| 20. | Pacific Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i> | Sum mig | 1 spec Feb. 3 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 11,13,30, |
| 21. | Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | Sum mig | 1 Coll. Apr 1929. | 30, |
| 22. | Bristle-thighed Curlew | <i>Numenius tahitiensis</i> | Sum mig | 1 obs in SW 9.1.1990. | 22, |
| 23. | Grey-tailed Tattler | <i>Tringa brevipes</i> | Sum mig | 1 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 30, |
| 24. | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Sum mig | 1 coll. Feb 1930 AMNH, | 8,13,32, |
| 25. | Crested Tern | <i>Thalasseus bergii</i> | Res | 2 obs Off Auki Oct 1997, | 36, |
| 26. | Bridled Tern | <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i> | Res?mig? | 27 obs off Auki 11 Oct 1997, | 36, |
| 27. | Brown Noddy | <i>Anous stolidus</i> | Res | 50 obs off Auki 11 Oct 1997. | 36, |
| 28. | Black Noddy | <i>Anous minutus</i> | Res | 15 off Auki Oct 1997. | 36, |
| 29. | Superb Fruit-Dove | <i>Ptilinopus s. superbus</i> | Res bre | C, 27 coll. < 1000m, Sev obs Sep 2009, | 1,2,13,37, |
| 30. | Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove | <i>Ptilinopus solomonensis ambiguus</i> | Res bre | C, 31 coll. | 1,2,13, |
| 31. | Claret-breasted Fruit-Dove | <i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisii</i> | Res bre | MC 13 Spec. Mar. Apr 1930 | 2,13,23, |
| 32. | Pacific Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula p. pacifica</i> | Vag | UC, | 1,2, |
| 33. | Red-knobbed Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula rubricera rufigula</i> | Res bre | C, 14 coll. Feb/Mar. 1930. | 1,2,13, |

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| 34. | Island Imperial (Grey) Pigeon | <i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i> | End Sol | MC C on coast | 1,2,13, |
| 35. | Chestnut-bellied Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula brenchleyi</i> | End Sol | Endangered 1 coll Feb 1930 | 1,2,4,13, |
| 36. | Pale Mountain Pigeon | <i>Gymnophaps solomonensis</i> | End Sol | MC 21 Coll. Mar/Apr 1930 | 1,2,4,13,20, |
| 37. | Thick-billed Ground-Dove | <i>Gallicolumba salomonis</i> | End 3 isles | Presumed Extinct | 20, |
| 38. | White-throated Pigeon | <i>Columba vitiensis halmaheira</i> | Res bre | UC 2 coll. Mar/Apr. 1930 | 1,2,13, |
| 39. | Crested Cuckoo-Dove | <i>Reinwardtoena crassirostris</i> | Res bre | 9 coll. Mar/Apr 1930, Heard Sep 2009, | 1,13,37, |
| 40. | Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove | <i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i> | Res bre | C, 22 coll. Mar/Apr 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 41. | Stephan's Dove | <i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i> | Res bre | C, 9 coll. Jan/Feb 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 42. | Nicobar Pigeon | <i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i> | Res bre | UC, | 1,2, |
| 43. | Cardinal Lory, | <i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i> | Res bre | C. 6 coll. Feb 1930. Specimens coll. from ship 100 Kn E at Rongador Reef. | 1,2,4,13,27, |
| 44. | Coconut Lorikeet | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i> | Res bre | C, 3 coll. Jan/Feb 1930 | 1,2,13, |
| 45. | Yellow-bibbed Lory | <i>Lorius chlorocercus</i> | End E. Sol. | MC A good series Mar-Apr, 1930, C but hard to see Sep 2009, | 1,2,4,13,37, |
| 46. | Meek's Lorikeet | <i>Charmosyna meeki</i> | End Sol | UC, 16 coll. Mar 1930. | 1,2,4,13, |
| 47. | Duchess Lorikeet | <i>Charmosyna margarethae</i> | End Sol | MC, 21 coll. Mar/Apr 1930. P, | 1,2,4,13,23, |
| 48. | Finsch's Pigmy Parrot | <i>Micropsitta finschii tristrami</i> | End Bis-Sol. | MC, * coll. Feb 1930. | 1,2,4,13, |
| 49. | Ducorp's Cockatoo | <i>Cacatua ducorpsi</i> | End | C, 9 coll. Jan- Apr. 1930. | 1,2,4,13, |
| 50. | Eclectus Parrot | <i>Eclectus roratus solomonensis</i> | Res bre | LC. 12 coll. Feb-Apr. 1930. 1-6 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 1,2,13,30, |
| 51. | Song (Singing) Parrot | <i>Geoffroyus h. heteroclitus</i> | Res bre | MC, 29 coll. Jan-Apr. 1930. | 1,2,4,13, |
| 52. | Brush Cuckoo | <i>Cacomantis variolosus addendus</i> | Res bre | MC 6 coll. Feb-Apr. 1930. 3 spec. AMNH | 1,2,5,13,15, |
| 53. | Oriental Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus saturatus</i> | Win Mig | Rare 1 coll. Apr 1930. | 6,13, |
| 54. | Eastern Koel | <i>Eudynamys orientalis alberti</i> | Win mig | UC, widespread, 2 coll. Feb 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 55. | Long-tailed Koel | <i>Eudynamys taitensis</i> | Win mig | 1 coll. @ 1000m Apr 1930 | 12,13, |
| 56. | Solomon Hawk-Owl | <i>Ninox jacquiniti malaitae</i> | End | C, 2 coll. Apr. 1930. | 1,2,4,13, |
| 57. | Eastern Barn Owl | <i>Tyto javanica crassirostris/delicatula</i> | Res bre | P, UC, 1 coll. Apr 1930 | 2,13, |
| 58. | Uniform Swiftlet | <i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i> | Res bre | C, | 1,2, |
| 59. | White-rumped Swiftlet | <i>Aerodramus spodiopygius lugubris</i> | Res bre | UC, | 1,2, |
| 60. | Glossy Swiftlet | <i>Collocalia esculenta becki</i> | Res bre | Abundant. 1 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 1,2,30, |
| 61. | Whiskered Tree-Swift | <i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i> | Res bre | MC, 7 coll. Feb-Apr. 1930, 2 ad skins in Mus coll. | 1,2,13,35, |
| 62. | Common Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo atthis salomonensis</i> | Res bre | MC, Seen along rivers | 1,2,13, |
| 63. | Little Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo pusillaolae</i> | Res bre | UC, | 2, |
| 64. | Variable Dwarf Kingfisher | <i>Ceyx lepidus malaitae</i> | Res bre | MC, 1 coll. Apr. 1930. | 1,2,7,13, |
| 65. | Sacred Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i> | Win mig? | UC. 1-3 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 2,30, |
| 66. | Collared Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus chloris mala</i> | Res bre | C, 12 coll. Feb-Apr 1930. | 1,2,7,13, |
| 67. | Beach Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i> | Res bre | C, along coast. | 1,2,13, |
| 68. | Dollar Bird | <i>Eurystomus orientalis solomonensis</i> | Res bre | C, 10 coll. Feb-mar. 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 69. | Blythe's Hornbill | <i>Aceros plicatus</i> | Res bre | UC, 5 coll. Mar, Apr. 1930. | 1,10,13, |
| 70. | Pacific Swallow | <i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i> | Res bre | C, along coast | 1,2,4,13, |
| 71. | Tree Martin | <i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i> | Win mig/vag | 2 seen 2x Oct 1997. | 21, |
| 72. | Solomons Cuckoo-Shrike | <i>Coracina holopolia tricolor</i> | End Sol | C in Mtns coll. 8+ "rather rare" Obs Sep 2009, | 1,2,4,13,37, |
| 73. | Barred Cuckoo-shrike | <i>Coracina lineata malaitae</i> | Res bre | C, 22 coll. 22 coll. Feb-Apr. 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 74. | White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike | <i>Coracina papuensis eyerdami</i> | Res bre | C, 30 coll. Jan-Mar. 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 75. | Grey-capped Cicadabird | <i>Coracina remota</i> | Res bre | 33 spec. 1930. | 13, |
| 76. | Island Leaf-Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus poliocephalus becki</i> | End | C, 10 coll. Mar/Apr 1930. 6 spec. AMNH | 1,2,4,13,16, |
| 77. | Willie Wagtail | <i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i> | Res bre | A, 2 coll. 1930. 1-3 Coll. Apr 1929. | 20,34, |
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| 78. | White-winged Fantail | <i>Rhipidura cockerelli coultasi</i> | End Sol | MC, 35 coll. 1930 11+ spec. AMNH | 30, 2,13,18, |
| 79. | Rufous Fantail | <i>Rhipidura rufifrons brunnea</i> | Res bre | C 24 coll. Mar-Apr 1930. 23 spec. AMNH A. | 1,2,13,19, 26, |
| 80. | Malaita Fantail | <i>Rhipidura malaitae</i> | End Malaita | In Mtns 37 coll. Mar-Apr 1930. 14+ spec. AMNH 1 at 1100m | 1,2,4,13,19, 26, |
| 81. | Black & White Monarch | <i>Monarcha barbatus malaitae</i> | End Sol | C, 7+ coll. 1930, Obs several times Sep 2009, | 1,2,3,4,13,33, 35, |
| 82. | Chestnut-bellied Monarch | <i>Monarcha castaneiventris castaneiventris</i> | End | C, Series coll. Feb-Apr 1930 | 2,6,13,20,33, |
| 83. | Steel-blue Flycatcher | <i>Myiagra ferrocyanea malaitae</i> | End Bis-Sol | C, coll. 15+ Feb/Mar. 1930, MC Sep 2009, | 1,2,4,13,33,35, |
| 84. | Common Golden Whistler | <i>Pachycephala pectoralis sanfordi</i> | Res bre | C, 9 coll. 1930. | 1,2,9,13, |
| 85. | Midget Flowerpecker | <i>Dicaeum aeneum aeneum</i> | End Sol | C. "a fine series coll." 1930. 1 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 1,2,6,4,13, 30, |
| 86. | Yellow-bellied Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i> | Res bre | 11 coll. Jan-Mar 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 87. | Malaita White-eye | <i>Zosterops stresemanni</i> | End. Malaita | C, 8+ coll. Include type descri. 1930, A, 25 obs Sep 2009, | 1,2,3,4,13, 20,37, |
| 88. | Red-bellied Myzomela | <i>Myzomela malaitae</i> | End Malaita | UC, 6+ coll. 1930, more common in hills. | 2,3,4,13,17, 26,29, |
| 89. | Singing Starling | <i>Aplornis cantoroides</i> | Res bre | C. 1-4 Coll. Apr. 1929. | 1,2,30, |
| 90. | Brown-winged Starling | <i>Aplornis grandis malaitensis</i> | End | C, 35 coll 1930. MC Sep 2009, | 1,2,3,4,13,37, |
| 91. | Metallic Starling | <i>Aplornis metallicus nitida</i> | Res bre | C, 3 coll Jan 1930. | 1,2,13, |
| 92. | Common (Indian) Myna | <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> | Intro Res | In Auki 1970's | 1,2, |
| 93. | Melanesian Myna | <i>Mino kreffti (sanfordi)</i> | Res bre | C, a series coll 1930. 1 Coll. Apr. 1929, MC Sep 2009, | 1,2,4,13,30,37, |

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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