

Big Maleivona Island Bird Checklist

Arnavon Isl, Solomon Islands

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| 1. | Eastern Osprey | <i>Pandion cristatus</i> | Res bre | 2 seen 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 2. | Brahminy Kite | <i>Haliastur indus</i> | Res | 2 present 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 3. | Purple Swamphen | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i> | Res bre | Predated one turtle nest in 2000. | 1, |
| 4. | Melanesian Scrubfowl | <i>Megapodius eremita</i> | Res bre | Small nests scattered throughout island. 5 seen 18.12.05, | 2,3, |
| 5. | Beach Thick-knee | <i>Esacus magnirostris</i> | Res bre | 1 seen 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 6. | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Sum mig | 1 present 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 7. | Crested Tern | <i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i> | Res bre | 2 roosting 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 8. | Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i> | Sum mig | 50 roosting on beach, 1 with band 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 9. | Black-naped Tern | <i>Sterna sumatrana sumatrana</i> | Res | 35 roosting on beach 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 10. | Little Tern | <i>Sternula albifrons</i> | Res | 5 feeding 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 11. | Brown Noddy | <i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i> | Res | 12 roosting 9 fishing 18.12.05, 150 on beach in photo, | 3,5, |
| 12. | Black Noddy | <i>Anous minutus minutus</i> | Res | 30 fishing + 100 passing 18.12.05, 300 spp? 2 km offshore | 3, |
| 13. | Island Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula pistrinaria</i> | Res bre | 3 seen 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 14. | Cardinal Lory | <i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i> | Res bre | 3 seen 18.12.05, 2 flew towards Isabel the returned, | 3, |
| 15. | Beach Kingfisher | <i>Todirhamphus saurophaga</i> | Res bre | 1 seen 18.12.05, | 3, |
| 16. | Island Monarch | <i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i> | Res bre | 4 seen 18.12.05, | 3,4, |
| 17. | Yellow-bellied Sunbird | <i>Nectarinia jugularis</i> | Res bre | Pair 16.12.05, | 3, |

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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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