

Ontong Java Atoll Bird Checklist

Solomon Islands

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	Several offshore early May,	10,
2.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	2 Recs <40 birds over Luangiua Sept, Nests in tree hollows	7,10,11,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res bre	Oct-Mar. on Luangiua, Keila Lopaha. C & breeding Sep 1953..11, MC nesting near booby colonies on Kekumounga, Henguakai. Roost on Kemangumangu.	10,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res bre	UC breeder on Kekumounga & Henguakai.	10,
5.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res bre	35 nests Jan. Nguikua, few nests Kekumounga, Peikingi & Hanguailua. Locals say larger colony on Henguakai.	10,
6.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res bre	UC breeder Nguikua & locals say Henguakai.	10,
7.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	C 1 spec AMNH. C in all 3 forms, P,	1,5,10,15,
8.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	End Bis-Sol	C, C on almost all islands as small as Hakuola. P,	1,10,15,
9.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P,	15,
10.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	1 coll Oct UC Apr-Aug on coast C Sep-Apr in plantations.	3,10,
11.	Lesser (Mongolian) Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	UC throughout year, Coll 4 Oct 1930 AMNH,	10,16,
12.	Greater Sand-plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	VUC	10,
13.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	4 spec. Oct, 3M1F, UC in Winter, C on lagoon side in Summer,	3,10,16,
14.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	MC but scattered, UC in winter. P Sep 1953, 2F coll Oct 1930,	10,11,16,
15.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	P all year MC Aug-May	10,
16.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	UC UC & only on ocean side of islands.	10,
17.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Sum mig	1 or 2 seen through summer.	10,
18.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	A 1 Luangiua, 6-8 at Keila. P Sep 1953.	2,10,11,
19.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	2 spec Oct. UC all year. 2M coll Oct AMNH,	3,10,16,
20.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	R in winter <10 birds Luanguia & Pelau, F coll Oct 1930 AMNH,	10,16,
21.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	1 or 2 on Luanguia and Pelau.	10,
22.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res bre	MC fishers in the lagoon.	10,
23.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res bre	P all year, eggs Jan-Mar v small sand bars from 1967 cyclone.	10,
24.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res	Few birds prob prep for br. on Keumalali & Seleiva'a.	10,
25.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	C throughout yr. Eggs Oct-Dec. Fledgl Mar. Nesting in trees Sep 1953.	10,11,
26.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res bre	VC eggs Sep – Dec. in <i>Pisonia</i> & <i>Hernandia</i> trees	10,
27.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba alba</i>	Res bre	C nesting all year (Dec max) on practically every island. Nesting Sep 1953.	10,11,
28.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P, P,	1,15,

29.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>	Res bre	C on all islands that have lg trees. P Sep 1953. Coll.	10,11,12,
30.	Cardinal Lory,	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Colonised island 1972. P,	7,15,
31.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	1 coll. Oct 1930.1-3 seen Jul-Aug, & Jan on Akaha & Luangiua	4,10,
32.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris ssp?</i>	Res bre	C on Luangiua, Auku, Ngikolo in N & Pelau in S not in between	1,10,15,
33.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res bre	VC – the commonest land bird. 1M 1F Coll. 2 feathered nestl- ings Jan. P,	10,13, 14,15,
34.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis f. feadensis</i>	Res bre	C on all larger islands. P Sep 1953. C,	1,10,11,14,15,

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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