

# Rennell Island Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae rennellianus</i>	Res bre	Few-MC, C. MC Oct 1976, 3Ad & 2 eggs Coll. Lake Tengano	1,2,3,8,9,17,19,
2.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>	Res	1, 50 Miles SW 13.8.2005, 3 off S coast 9/4/10 & 1 off N 10th, 3 obs to Sth 28/3/09,	24,25,26,41,
3.	Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	Res	1 obs offshore 9.4.2014, 1 obs 9 apr 2012,	43,48,
4.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	1, 50 Miles SW 13.8.2005, 50 off S coast 9/4/10 & 3 off N 10th, 20 obs 6 Apr 2013, 1 obs 9 apr 2012,	30,38,47,48,
5.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i>	Spr/Aut mig	2 obs off S coast 9/4/10, 1 obs to SE Mar 2009,	38,46,
6.	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna carneipes</i>	Spr/Aut mig	5 obs Mar 2009, 1 obs around boat Apr 2013,	46,47,
7.	Tropical (Audubon's) Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bailloni (lherminieri (ssp?))</i>	Win mig	6 obs off S coast 9/4/10,	38,
8.	Wilson's Storm Petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	?	1 obs off S coast 9/4/10, 1 obs to Sth 28/3/09,	38,39,
9.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	1 offshore Sep. 1990, Pr Aug 1976 in garden nr Tegano, 1 in Kavangu Bay 1730h 20/9/1990,	18,19,37,
10.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	1, 50 Miles SW 13.8.2005, 3 obs off S coast 9/4/10, 4 obs 4.12, 1 obs to SE Mar 2009,	41,30,38,43,46,
11.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	100 on islet Lake Te'Nggano Jul 1996, 3M Oct 1976, 5-20/day over Lavangu Sep 1990, 1 obs off S coast 9/4/10 & 50 off N 10th, 1 obs 9 apr 2012,	3,19,37,38, 48,
12.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel ariel</i>	Res	C at L Te'Nggano Jul 96, <50 on Halogu Isle 1976, Roosting at dusk Sep 1990, 1 obs off S coast 9/4/10 & A off N 10th,	3,19,24,30, 37,38,
13.	Christmas Island Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>	Res	5 Ad M roosting Sep 1995.	18,
14.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylactra</i>	Res	3 obs off N coast 10/4/10, 2 obs 6 Apr 2013,	38,47,
15.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res bre	20-30 pr nesting L. T'Nggano Jul 1996, Ad & imm on islet in L. Tengano Oct 1976, Few br, 400 roosting Feb 1998. P. Imm Coll. Nov 1953, 1 obs off S coast 9/4/10 & 50 off N 10th, 2 obs L. Tengano Sep 2009, 2 obs 6 Apr 2013,	3,18,19,23,24, 38,41,47,
16.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	1 resting L. Te'Nggano Jul 96, P and probably breed. FlgIng caught Nov 1953. 5 50 miles SW 13.8.2005, 50 off N coast 10/4/10, 1 obs 6 Apr 2013,	3,23,24, 30,38,47,
17.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vag	Rare. Some about 1958, 10 arr Aug 1976 stayed 1 month, 20 arrived 1952 reduced to 2 by 1953, Locals: Influx c 1930?.	2,19,24,25,35,
18.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos brevicauda</i>	Res bre	C on L. Te'Nggano Jul 96, C, 18 spec. AMNH, 200 on Halogu	1,2,3,6,8,15,19,

19.	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Res bre since 94	Flocks 8-10 common 2 coll. A. C Sep 2009, 300 obs Jun 1997, 24, 25, 41, 49, MC L. Te'Nggano Jul 96, 50 seen 1998, Increasing., 1 in 1976, 2, 3, 17, 18, 19, Locals say breeding in Lge Nos, 1 obs 90 miles Sth, 10 obs 2009, 22, 39, 41, 49, 20 obs 28 Jun 1997,	
20.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra sacra</i>	Res bre	C, 3G & 1W on coast 1976, C on coast, 1 F Coll, 1 obs Jun 1997,	1, 2, 8, 19, 24, 49,
21.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta modestus</i>	Vag	1 L Te'Nggano Jul 96, 3 spec. AMNH. 2 on Lake 1 coll 1953, 2, 3, 13, 24,	
22.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis woodfordi</i>	Res	P, Rare ? 3 heard near airstrip 1976, Mayr Coll. 2F M Coll 1953, 1, 2, 8, 19, 24,	
23.	Australian White Ibis	<i>Threskiornis molucca pygmaeus</i>	Res bre	P, C, C Jul 96, A Br. MC <30 in groups 1976, C in villages P in forests, 3 coll., C 19 Aug 1953, <100 obs Sep 1990, C 29/3/09, 35, 37, 39, 47, 2 obs 6 Apr 2013,	1, 2, 8, 17, 19, 24,
24.	Royal Spoonbill	<i>Platalea regia</i>	Res bre	P, Sporadic Irruptions. Hamlin obs 2 1928 shot 1 1930, 1 local 1959, 2 obs @ Lake Nov 1953.	1, 2, 8, 17, 19, 24,
25.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipita fasciatus fasciatus</i>	Res bre	MC, 3 along Rd to Lake, Jul 06, C, 2 obs Nov 1953, 7 obs 1976 3 at nests, <5 Lavanggu – Tinggoa, Yng in nest Lavanggu 19/9/90, Took pigeons/dove from roost on Japan Mtn, Obs 2009,	1, 2, 3, 8, 17,
26.	Solomons Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	?	Described by the locals, Same ssp at Solomons, local name given, 25, 42,	
27.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	C, 3 L. Te'Nggano Jul 96, 2 obs on coast 3 at lake (Tilapia) 1976, Prob breeds (Local Info) F Coll. 2 prs obs, 2 nr Lavanggu, 37,	1, 2, 3, 19, 24, 25,
28.	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons remissa</i>	Extinct	Ex, 2 Coll. Sep 1928. Several seen, Small Res Pop. Rare,	1, 8, 9, 17, 24,
29.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosapelewensis</i>	Res bre	C. VC 1928- Hamlin, R by 1962-65-Wolff, Mayr Coll 3, We 1. Eggs Oct, Prs on lake – Tame. 7 coll.	1, 8, 19, 24, 27,
30.	Plumed Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>	?	2 photographed Oct 1997 R due to its exceeding tameness.	18, 25,
31.	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis tabuensis</i>	Res bre	P, UC. 2 coll 1962/63, 2 coll.	2, 19, 25,
32.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	P, C. 4 L. Te'nggano 1996, obs 4x 1976, In swamps though though locals consider it a pest, 2 Coll AMNH, 0 obs 1990, 2 obs Jun 1997,	1, 2, 3, 8, 19, 24,
33.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum mig	1 or 2 at airstrip, Lake shore, & coast, ?	19, 24,
34.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Sum mig	30 at airstrip 1 on oval 1976, 1 coll. sev. seen at Lake, 45 at airstrip 21/9/90, On airstrip Sep 2009,	19, 24, 37, 41,
35.	Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	M coll. Nov 1951 = 1 <sup>st</sup> rec.	24,
36.	Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>	Sum mig	R, 1 obs 11&12 Oct 1976 at airstrip & soccer field,	19,
37.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	a few at lake and coast 1976, Sev. at lake, singles on beach at Lavanggu 2F Coll. =1 <sup>st</sup> recs.	7, 19, 24, 25,
38.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 1953.	25,
39.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 4.2.1990 at Lake Te'Nggano,	45,
40.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Sum vag	1 obs & photographed At airstrip by Jean-Marc Sep 2009,	36,
41.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 12 Oct 1976 at airstrip,	19,
42.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	1 or 2 obs 3 days Oct 1976,	19,
43.	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanura</i>	Sum mig	1 obs at airstrip 13 Oct 1976,	19,
44.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	5 obs off S coast 9/4/10,	38,
45.	Arctic (Parasitic) Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 6 Apr 2013,	47,
46.	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Sum vag	2 obs 6 Apr 2013,	47,
47.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res bre	4 L. Te'Nggano Jul 96, C, 2-5 on Lake 1976, C over lake T.	3, 8, 19, 21, 24,
48.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana sumatrana</i>	Res bre	12 L. Te'Nggano Jul 96, MC. Few on coast & on lake 1976,	3, 8, 19, 24, 25,

49.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii bangsi</i>	Res	Small flock on reef Lavanggu. Br on islets in Lake T. 4 20/9/90,37,38, 5 off N coast 10/4/10,	21,43,
50.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion a. anaethetus</i>	Res	? 4 obs 9.4.2012, 1 L Tengano Jul 96,. Br bird coll. for 1 <sup>st</sup> time. Nests on rocks at edge of lake. 1Ad 2 Imm Coll. Nov 1953. Br on islets and ocean beach,	3,21,23,24, 25,
51.	White-winged Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Transient	UC, 1 obs rec Lake Tengano,	17,
52.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res	200 on Halogu islet Oct 1976, 260, 50 miles SW 13.8.2005, Obs off S coast 9/4/10 & A off N 10th, 8 obs 9.4.2012,	19,21,30,38, 43,
53.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	Br on sea coast & occasionally on isles in lake. 62, 50 mile SW 230+ Kanggavu Bay 19/9/90, 2 obs off S coast 9/4/10 & 2 off Nth 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	8,21,24,25,30, 37,38,
54.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	?, 1 with Brown N. Kanggavu Bay 19/9/90, Obs 9.4.2012, obs to SE Mar 2009,	21,37,43,46,
55.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba alba</i>	Res	1, 50 miles SW 13.8.2005, 4 obs to SE Mar 2009,	21,30,46,
56.	Silver-capped Fruit Dove	<i>Ptilinopus richardsii cyanopterus</i>	End Ren Group	Abundant.VC 7 ubiquitous 1976, 7 coll. C kept as pets by girls. 5+ Coll. 1920's C in 1° & 2° Growth <42/day, 50 obs 10/4/10,	1,2,3,8,9,10,19 24,28,37,38,
57.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-Dove.	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis</i>	Res	1 obs 4.2.1990,	44,
58.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica tarrali/pacifica</i>	Res bre	MC. C. MC & ubiquitous Oct 1976, 2Ad 2Pull Coll Oct 1951, lured to net by calls & decoy. Coll. MC in 1° forest <3/day 50 obs 10/4/10,	2,3,8,17,19, 24,27,37,38,
59.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pistrinaria</i>	Res	1 obs 9.4.2012, 1 Obs Mar 2009,	43,46,
60.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	C. MC Jul 96, MC Oct 1976, 1 <sup>st</sup> rec 6 coll Oct 1951 '53 Breed. finished. VC, <7/day nr Lavanggu, 13 Lava. – Tinggoa Sep 90, 6 obs 10/4/10, <12/day obs Sep 2009,	2,3,19,24,37, 38,41,
61.	Bronze Ground Dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii solomonensis</i>	Res bre	P, 9 coll. 1928,30 AMNH, 1 obs 1990. Obs 1990, 1 obs 20/9/90,	1,2,8,18,24,31, 37,
62.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res bre	P, 1 coll 1930 AMNH.	2,8,24,
63.	Yellow-bibbed Lory	<i>Lorius chlorocercus</i>	End Bis-Sol?	MC, Poss Introd, 3 obs Oct 1976, UC 2 in 1° forest 19/9/90, 1 obs 10/4/10,	1,2,3,8,9,10,19, 24,37,38,
64.	Finsch's Pigmy Parrot	<i>Micropsitta f. finschii</i>	End Bis-Sol	MC, 1 rd to Lake Jul 96, C but inconspicuous '76, Prefers open patches in forest 2Coll. 1951 '53. <7/day in 1° & 2° forest '90,	1,3,8,10,19,24, 37,38,
65.	Song (Singing) Parrot	<i>Geoffroyus heteroclitus hyacinthinus</i>	Res bre	P, 3 on rd to Lake, Jul 96, MC in grps 2-4 Oct 1976, 2 Coll. Oct Nov, <7/day nr Lavanggu & <4 Tinggoa Sep 1990, 4 obs 10/4/10, MC Sep 2009,	1,2,3,8,10,19, 24,37,38,41,
66.	[Fan-tailed Cuckoo Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i> <i>Chalcites lucidus harterti</i>	Vag Res bre	1 record error?, Gives the specimen as from Bellona May 1930 C, 10 on rd to Lake Jul 96, 3-5 spec 1930, C 1976 Host = G. flavolateralis, 4 Coll 1953. 1 obs Tinggoa 21/9/90, 1 Sep 2009, C in forest, 1 obs 6 Apr 2013,	1,8,] 1,2,3,5,8,19,24, 37,41,42,47,
67.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Win mig	P,	2,
68.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica crassirostris</i>	Res bre	P, 1 obs at Lavanggu late in evening, 1 obs 29/3/09, 1 Obs Mar 2009,	1,2,24,39,46,
69.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris/vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	P, C, MC 1976, coll by Bradley 1953 & Wolff 1965, Cave at Poghoabu Hill near Hutuna Vill, 2 coll.1953, 3 skins AMNH 1M4F1?2imm skins ZMC, C 80 Tinggoa – Lavanggu 18/9/90,	2,3,9,19,24,34, 37,39,49,

70.	[White-rumped Swiftlet Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius reichenowi</i> <i>Collocalia esculenta desiderata</i>	Res bre Res bre	MC 29/3/09, 275 obs Jun 1997, 1 <sup>st</sup> rec 2 juv. Coll. Nov 1953, These 2 skins are <i>vanikorensis</i> , 19,24, P, 13 coll by Whitney, Nests obs in coastal cliffs, 7 birds Coll. 1,2,3,8,9,19,24, 50+ along 5km rd nr Lavanggu 1990, 200 obs 29/3/09, nests in 37,39,42,46, fissures along cliffs, Obs Mar 2009,
71.	Moustached Tree-Swift	<i>Hemiprocne mystacea woodfordiana</i>	Res bre	P, UC 1976 groups <5, 1 obs. Te-Avamanggu. Nests in tall 1,2,3,8,19,24, dead trees, 2 ad skins in Mus collections, 5 Lavanggu – Tinggoa,25,34,37,38, 2 obs 10/4/10, 3 obs 6 Apr 2013,
72.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta sancta</i>	Win mig	“Strictly keeps to a fish diet & never seen at the lake or forest.” 2,8,19,24,25, 6 obs Oct 1976 in open and at lake, Whitney coll in Aug, 2 obs 38, 10/4/10,
73.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris amoena</i>	Res bre	C. MC in forest 1976, 7 Ad 3 pull Coll. Nest in termite nest. 1,2,4,8,19,24, 10 at Tinggoa airstrip, <7 Lavanggu Sep 1990, 3 obs 10/4/10, 37,38,
74.	Barred Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina lineata gracilis</i>	Res bre	C. UC though 6 in 1 fig Oct 1976, 4 Ad 1 imm. Coll. Nest = 1,2,3,8,19,24, cup. R & around lake, <5/day nr Lavanggu Sep 1990, A 10/4/10,25,29,37,38, 25 Obs Mar 2009, 46,
75.	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae melanops</i>	Win Mig	1 rec, 1 L. Te’Nganno Jul 1996, 2,3,
76.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus rennellianus</i>	Res bre	R? 6 on rd to L. Te’Nggano Jul 96, In lowland rainforest, MC 1,2,3,8,17,19, Oct 1976, C in closed & open forest 6 Ad Coll. <6/day nr Lav 24,37,38, Anggu in Prim forest Sep 1990, 2 obs 10/4/10,
77.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis citrina</i>	Res bre	P. 2 <sup>nd</sup> most common bird in regrowth 1976, nests with eggs, 1,2,3,8,10,19, VC in Coconuts, open & closed forest. 17 Ad 1 imm. Coll, 3 24,25,37,38, nests found, C in thick bush, A in 1 <sup>o</sup> forest & open scrub <37/day, 46, 50 obs 10/4/10, 20 Obs Mar 2009,
78.	Rennell Fantail	<i>Rhipidura rennelliana</i>	End Rennell	P, 6 on rd W of lake Jul 96, Description of type, MC in forest & 1,2,3,8,10, re-growth, 14 Coll. 1951 & 1953. C <20/day nr Lavanggu prim 16,19,24,37, forest not sec forest, c 20 obs 10/4/10, MC but not on lake islands,38,42,
79.	Rennell Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus hamlini</i>	End Ren	UC 1 W of Lake Jul 96, Description of type 11 Ad & imm Coll 2,3,8,11,17,19, 1951-52, MC mainly in forest, C in thick bush, Density reports 25,33,37, 1998, 2002, 2004, UC <7/day nr Lavanggu sep 1990, 20 obs 38, 10/4/10,
80.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica occidentalis</i>	Res bre	Present, UC though heard in tall vegetation 1976, 2 Ad Coll. 1,2,8,10,12,19, 1953, C in thick bush – close to ground, 3 obs in scrub nr Ting 24,25,37, goa airstrip, not in prim forest Sep 1990, 1 obs 10/4/10, Pr 2009,38,41,
81.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis feminina</i>	Res bre	MC, A in forest Oct 1976, Call & hen-feathering distinctive. 1,2,3,8,19,22, 7 Coll. 1951, ’53, UC <4/day nr Lavanggu Sep 1990, 0 obs 2009 24,37,41,
82.	Rennell White-eye	<i>Zosterops rennellianus</i>	End. Rennell	C, C5 on rd to Lake, Jul 1996, UC in forest & regrowth 1976, 1,2,3,8,10,19, 20 Coll. 6M2F Coll. 1928. UC <9/day in 1 <sup>o</sup> forest <400m 1990,24,26,37,38,42 c 50 obs 10/4/10, UC 1990’s,
83.	Woodford's (Bare-eyed) White-eye	<i>Woodfordia superciliosa</i>	End. Rennell	P. A & ubiquitous 5 nests Oct 1976, VC especially in Pawpaw 1,2,3,8,10,19, Gdns 27 Coll. 1F Coll. 1928. C <49/day nr Lavanggu, C 50 24,26,37,38,40 obs 10/4/10, VC in 1990’s, 40 Obs Mar 2009, 42,46,
84.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis sanfordi</i>	Res bre	C. Spec AMNH. A in forest, VC in regrowth 1976, VC every- 1,2,3,8,10,14, where 18 Coll, C in 1 <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>o</sup> forests & coconuts, <40/day Lavanggu,19,24,37,38, 8 obs 10/4/10, VC Sep 2009, 15 Obs Mar 2009, 41,46,
85.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides cantoroides</i>	Res bre	C. 2 obs Jul 1996, 1 spec. Confined to Lake, nest in coral, 2 1,2,8,19,24,

86.	Rennell Starling	<i>Aplornis insularis</i>	End. Rennell	coll. Nest c 4pulli in Nov. 1953. in rock & low trees on isles in Lake T. C on islets UC on main isle, A. 15 on rd to L. Tr'Nggano Jul 96, Description of type. A. 2,3,8,10,17,19, UC but widespread 1976, 3 Coll., Nest c 3 eggs in Coconut 24,25,37,38,40, stump, VC, Most nests in trunks of old Pandanus. UC <5/day 41, in 2° growth/Gdns Sep 1990, Obs 8/4/10, M Coll 1930, 20 obs 1990,
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## 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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