

# Ambrym Island Bird Checklist

## Epi Group, Vanuatu Nth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	obs > 2002, 4 obs Mar 2007,	31,40,
2.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	9 to East 19 Nov 2004,	30,
3.	Vanuatu Petrel	<i>Pterodroma occulta</i>	Res	1 to East 19 Nov 2004,	30,
4.	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardena carneipes</i>	Res	2 to east 19 Nov 2004,	30,
5.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardena pacificus</i>	Res	120 to east 19 Nov 2004, small numbers passing 14 Oct 2001, 400 & 500 heading Sth per hr 8.10.2001, Obs Mar 2007,	30,37,39,40,
6.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>	Res	Common Nov 2004,	30,
7.	Tropical Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bailloni</i>	Res	50 obs 29 Mar 2007,	40,
8.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	1 bird 7.62, Obs since 2002, Obs 8.10.2001, 4 obs Mar 2007,	9,31,39,40,
9.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor minor</i>	Res	1 bird 7.62	9,
10.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	5 obs Mar 2007,	40,
11.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	P, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 10 obs Mar 2007,	22,31,40,
12.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
13.	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	?	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 27 obs Mar 2007,	31,40,
14.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Res?	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Pr c fledgling on cliff at back of beach Oct 2001.	31,37,
15.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs Mar 2007,	22,31,40,
16.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Reduced due to increasing Pigs & cats P 1877, Obs. between 2000-06, 2 obs Mar 2007,	10,11,22,31,40,
17.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,
18.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C, Chicks Nov 2004, Obs. Between 2002 & 2007, 1 obs 2007,	1,4,22,30,31,40
19.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon	1,4,
20.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, sev. Obs airstrip 8.10.2001,	31,39,
21.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs 8.10.2001, 8 obs Mar 2007,	31,39,40,
22.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Sum mig	1 obs Mar 2007,	40,
23.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	2 obs Mar 2007,	40,
24.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	15 birds 7.62, Uncommon 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 8 obs Mar 2007,	9,11,24,31,40,
25.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	6 obs Mar 2007,	40,
26.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	1 offshore Nov 2004,	30,
27.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba alba</i>	Res	1 offshore Nov 2004,	30,
28.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	1 coll 1877, 1F coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	11,12,22,28,31,

29.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	C. Coll. 1920's, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs Mar 2007,	11,22,29,31,40,
30.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon 1 F Coll. Obs. Since 2002,	1,4,10,22, 28,31,
31.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	A 1877, MC Nov 2004, 10 obs Mar 2007,	11,22,30,40,
32.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Res bre	C-UC, C 1877, In Litt. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,11,22,28, 31,40,
33.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C. 6 skins examined. 1 obs Nov 2004,	1,4,22,28, 30,
34.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1977, 2M Coll. C Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007,	1,4,11,22, 28,30,31,40,
35.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	C, VC Nov 2004, Obs Mar 2007,	1,4,22,30,40,
36.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	Common UC, 2 coll. 1899.	1,4,22,26,
37.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis pyrrhophanus schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	Common 1 spec. AMNH	1,8,19,22,
38.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win mig	Common, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,7,11,22, 31,
39.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win Mig	Rare 1 coll Aug. Feathers in hair c 1872,	5,11,18,
40.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	Common 2 seen 1899. Obs between 2002 & 2007,	1,4,22,25,31,
41.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	Common No recs last 20 years. Obs 1877, P Nov 2004,	1,2,4,11,22, 30,
42.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, P Nov 2004,	11,22,30,
43.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	Obs 1877, P, P Nov 2004, 1MIF skin AMNH, 12 active nests in cave in small ravine Oct 2001. Several nests on sea cliff, Craig Cove 16.10.2001. Obs Mar 2007,	11,22,30,35,37, 38,40,
44.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	C. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 10 Obs Mar 2007,	1,3,4,22,30,31, 40,
45.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	Obs 1877 in forest, grasslands & beaches,	11,
46.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. 2000 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007,	1,4,31,40,
47.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	Common in forests, 1 obs Mar 2007,	1,4,10,40,
48.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga simillima</i>	Res bre	3 coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 obs Mar 2007,	22,25,31,40,
49.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	Common Obs 1877, 7 coll.. 1926.	1,4,11,18,
50.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor ambrynsensis</i>	Res bre	Common M coll. 1899. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,15,22, 26,31,
51.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis brunneipectus/intacta</i>	Res bre	C, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007,	1,4,10,11,40, 14,22,28,32,
52.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i>	Res bre	Common in forest	1,4,10,34,
53.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, 2/3 seen Nov 2004,	1,4,10,11,22, 30,34,
54.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	Common near coast,	1,4,6,10,11, 22,
55.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C in open & closed forest 3 spec.AM, 1 in 2004, Obs Mar 2007,	1,10,21,22, 30,33,40,
56.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C. P. in thick bush 2 spec. AMNH. Obs. between 2000 & 06,	1,4,10,21, 22,28,33,36,
57.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis correiae</i>	Res bre	Common Host to bronze Cuckoo, Heard Nov 2004, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,7,13,22, 30,31,
58.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Vanu	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,10,20,

59.	Dark-Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon <b>I+ spec.</b> AMNH, VC Nov 2004, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007,	22,31, 1,4,10,20,22, 30,31,40,
60.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	MC Spec. AMNH. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,3 obs Mar 2007,	10,20,22,31, 40,
61.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons perplexa</i>	End Vanu	C. Coll. Aug 1926, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007,	1,4,10,11,22, 31,27,40,
62.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, Coll. Aug 1926. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,1122,27,31,
63.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	Common <b>I spec</b> 1926. <b>I M coll</b> 1899.	1,4,5,10,16, 22,25,26,
64.	Red-Headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i>	Res bre	C,U	10,22,
65.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i>	Res bre	Common <b>IF Coll.</b> 1899.	1,10,22,26,
66.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Obs Mar 2007,	10,11,22,31,40,

## 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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