

Gaua (Santa Maria) Island Bird Checklist

Banks Group, Vanuatu.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	4 obs 20 km to NE Jan 2017,	35,
2.	Vanuatu Petrel	<i>Pterodroma occulta</i>	Res	25 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
3.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Summer mig	11 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
4.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	24 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	31 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
6.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res	32 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
7.	Australian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae leucosternos</i>	Res bre	P,	1,9,19,
8.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,3,9,19,
9.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	MC,	1,3,
10.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Res	1 obs Dec 2014,	34,
11.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus nesiotis</i>	Res bre	Common -Uncommon	1,3,19,
12.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	Common. 3 coll.	1,3,19,23,
13.	Hardhead,	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	5 spec. AMNH	1,7,19,
14.	Vanuatu Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	P,	7,8,19,
15.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. Mar/Apr 2005, 5 obs 2014,	1,3,25,28,34,
16.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus tannensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,9,
17.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon-common	1,3,9,
18.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	21 obs 2 Dec 2014,	34,
19.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	M coll Nov AMNH,	26,
20.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	3 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
21.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	25 obs 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
22.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	1 Juv onto boat 20 km to NE 8 th Jan 2017,	35,
23.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Coll. 1920's, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 7 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	19,24,25,34,
24.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	1M coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 obs 2014,	1,9,19,23,25,34,
25.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	End N.Vanu	Common-Uncommon, Obs since 2002, 1 obs 2014,	1,3,9,19,25,34,
26.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica pacifica</i>	Res bre	Coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 19 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	19,23,25,34,
27.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	3 skins examined. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 obs 2014,	19,23,25,34,
28.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	1F coll. Obs between 2002 & 2006, 5 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	19,23,25,34,
29.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 6 obs 2014,	19,25,34,
30.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Chamosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	7 spec. AMNH, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, M&F coll Sep 1926, 32 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	17,19,25,33,34,
31.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	Common 1 spec. AMNH.	1,7,19,

32.	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win Mig	P,	6,19,
33.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res?	Obs between 2002 & 2007, 1 obs Dec 2014,	25,34,
34.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 25 obs then 150 @ runway 2014,	19,25,34,
35.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 skins AMNH, 11 obs Dec 2014,	19,25,31,34,
36.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2002 & 2007, 6 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	2,19,25,34,
37.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	C. 5 coll. Nov 1926. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 9 obs 2014,	5,15,19,25,34,
38.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus whitneyi</i>	Res bre	5 coll. Sep 1926. 5 obs 3-5 Dec 2014,	16,19,34,
39.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis corraeae</i>	Res bre	Common Host to bronze cuckoo, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,3,6,11,19,25,
				10 obs 4-5 Dec 2014,	34,
40.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	Common 8+ spec. AMNH Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 obs	1,18,19,25,29,
				7 Dec 2014,	34,
41.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	6+ spec. AMNH Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 32 obs 2014,	1,3,18,19,25,34
					29,32,34,
42.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i>	Res bre	Common, 4 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	1,3,19,30,
43.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,3,13,19,
					25,30,
44.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor ambryonensis</i>	Res bre	Common, 2 obs 4-5 Dec 2014,	1,3,14,19,34,
45.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i>	Res bre	C 5 spec taken 1928, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 6 obs 2014,	1,3,12,25,34,
46.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons gauensis</i>	Res bre	Common – abundant. 5M4F Coll Nov 1926. Obs. 2000-2006,	1,3,9,19,22,25,
				21 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	27,34,
47.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 25 obs 2 & 7 Dec 2014,	1,3,19,25,34,
48.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	Res bre	C, 1 obs 2014,	1,3,9,34,
49.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	6+ spec. AMNH. Obs between 2002 & 2007,	9,10,17,19,25,
				47 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	34,
50.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	Common 2 spec 1926. Obs 2002 – 2007,	1,3,4,9,15,19,
					25,
51.	Red-Headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens</i>	Res bre	Common-uncommon, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,3,4,9,19,25,
52.	Royal Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura regia</i>	Res	1 obs 5 Dec 2014 E shore of Lake Letes,	34,
53.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i>	Res bre	Common	1,19,
54.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	Obs, between 2000 & 2006, 10 obs 2-7 Dec 2014,	19,25,34,

KEY

Ecological status

End = Endemic to Island unless otherwise stated, **Res bre** = Resident breeder, **Res** = resident ie breeding not proven or not likely. For sea birds 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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