

# Valua (Mota Lava, Valewa, Saddle) Island Bird Checklist

## Banks Group, Vanuatu.

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| #   | Common Name             | Scientific Name                                    | Ecol. Status | Abundance                                      | References   |
|-----|-------------------------|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| 1.  | Brown Booby             | <i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>                     | Res          | Obs between 2002 & 2006,                       | 24,          |
| 2.  | Eastern Reef Egret      | <i>Egretta s. sacra</i>                            | Res bre      | UC, 1 spec AMNH, Obs between 2002 & 2006,      | 1,9,13,24,   |
| 3.  | Buff-banded Rail        | <i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>                    | Res          | Obs since 2002,                                | 24,          |
| 4.  | Vanuatu Scrub Fowl      | <i>Megapodius layardi</i>                          | Res bre      | P, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                   | 4,5,13,24,   |
| 5.  | Pacific Golden Plover   | <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>                          | Sum mig      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                      | 24,          |
| 6.  | Whimbrel                | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>                           | Sum mig      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                      | 24,          |
| 7.  | Bar-tailed Godwit       | <i>Limosa japonica</i>                             | Sum mig      | Obs. between 2002 & 2007,                      | 24,          |
| 8.  | Wandering Tattler       | <i>Heteroscelus i. incanus</i>                     | Sum mig      | 1 spec. Sep. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,         | 7,24,        |
| 9.  | Grey-tailed Tattler     | <i>Tringa brevipes</i>                             | Sum mig      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                      | 24,          |
| 10. | Ruddy Turnstone         | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>                          | Sum mig      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                      | 24,          |
| 11. | Crested Tern            | <i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>                 | Res          | Obs. between 2002 & 2006,                      | 24,          |
| 12. | Pacific Emerald Dove    | <i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>                    | Res bre      | Obs between 2002 & 2006,                       | 24,          |
| 13. | White-throated Pigeon   | <i>Columba vitiensis</i>                           | Res bre?     | Obs between 2000 & 2006,                       | 1,           |
| 14. | Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove | <i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i>                    | Res bre      | 3 skins examined                               | 13,17,       |
| 15. | Red-bellied Fruit-Dove  | <i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>                           | Res bre      | Coll. 1920's, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,        | 13,18,24,    |
| 16. | Tanna Fruit-Dove        | <i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>                        | Res bre      | P, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                   | 13,24,       |
| 17. | Pacific Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula p. pacifica</i>                          | Res bre      | Coll.  | 13,17,       |
| 18. | Coconut Lorikeet        | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>            | Res bre      | P, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                   | 13,24,       |
| 19. | Palm Lorikeet           | <i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>                         | Res bre      | 1 spec. AMNH.                                  | 10,13,       |
| 20. | Fan-tailed Cuckoo       | <i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i> | Res bre      | 1 M spec. AMNH,                                | 4,10,13,23,  |
| 21. | Glossy Swiftlet         | <i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>            | Res bre      | P, 2F skins in AMNH, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 13,21,24,    |
| 22. | Collared Kingfisher     | <i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>                        | Res bre      | Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,              | 2,13,24,     |
| 23. | Pacific Swallow         | <i>Hirundo Tahitica subfusca</i>                   | Res bre      | Obs. Between 2000 & 2006,                      | 24,          |
| 24. | Long-tailed Triller     | <i>Lalage leucopyga</i>                            | Res bre      | C, 4 coll. Nov 1926, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, | 3,8,24,      |
| 25. | Grey Fantail            | <i>Rhipidura fuliginosa albiscapa brenchleyi</i>   | Res bre      | Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                      | 24,25,       |
| 26. | Streaked Fantail        | <i>Rhipidura verreauxi brenchleyi</i>              | Res bre      | P, 5 spec. AMNH,                               | 12,13,19,22, |
| 27. | Southern Shrikebill     | <i>Clytorhynchus pacycephaloides grisescens</i>    | Res bre      | P, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                   | 13,20,24,26, |
| 28. | Melanesian Flycatcher   | <i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>                  | Res bre      | P, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,                   | 6,13,20,24,  |
| 29. | Silvereye               | <i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>                | Res bre      | 8 Coll. Sep 1926, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,    | 13,16,24,    |
| 30. | Cardinal Myzomela       | <i>Myzomela c. cardinalis</i>                      | Res bre      | Spec. AMNH, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,          | 11,13,24,    |

### 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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