

# Efate (Vate, Sandwich) Island Bird Checklist

## Vanuatu, Nth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Australasian Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae leucosternos</i>	Res bre	P, Rec since 2002, 3 at Teuma Prawn Farm Feb 2014, 24 Ads + 20 yng, at Duck Lake, Shéfa, Oct 2001.	1,8,29,44,62,63,
2.	Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Res	1 Beachwashed spec Jun 1926	1,14,
3.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	1 spec 4 Jun 1926 AMNH,	1,
4.	Southern Giant Petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	Vag	Immatures observed off coast.	1,
5.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	MC off NE in Nov 2002,	8,31,45,
6.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	Poss thousands migrating W-E off N coast 21-22 Sep 1985, Nov 2004,	C 1,42,
7.	Tropical (Audubon's) Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bailloni (lherminieri) (gunax)</i>	bre	Spec taken near Malapoa AMNH and on beach near Vila 1973,	1,8,31,
8.	Little Pied Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i>	Vag?	Several obs at Little Duck Lake,	1,
9.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	1 <sup>st</sup> yr bird recovered off Devil's Point 13 May 1982 – banded Phillip Island NI,	1,31,
10.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res	Imm on east coast 16 Aug 1988, 2 juv obs Pango Pt Sep 2014,	1,31,65,
11.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel ariel</i>	Res	3 close to shore in association with cyclones Bola & Dovi 1988,	1,8,31,
12.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	UC, 4 spec AMNH. Obs 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, MC on coastal inlets Nov 2002, 12 km up Apuna R.	1,8,23,29,34,44,45,
13.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Res?	4 obs at Teuma prawn farm Jun 2013.	57,
14.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	1 obs at Duck Lake 18 Sep 1983, & at Teouma 1985, Obs often throughout year at Teuma Prawn Farm, 11 in June.	1,57,58,
15.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,
16.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans</i>	Res bre	UC, 1 obs 1877, Imm M coll. Jul 1889. Obs. over forests and cleared areas MC Nov. 2002. 2 obs. Jun 2007, 4 obs 2014,	8,9,29,33,34,45,46,69,
17.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Res bre	Uncommon, Obs since 2002,	9,44,
18.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus nesiotus</i>	Res bre	Common –Uncommon, 2 Obs. Nov 2002,	1,13,29,45,
19.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa pelewensis</i>	Res bre	C Duck Lake 1983. 1 coll. Obs., 2000 - 2006, 1 obs. Nov 02, 15 obs at prawn farm Jun 2013 & 82 in Aug 2013, 15 near shrimp farm Jul 2014,	1,8,29,34,44,45,57,58,59,69,
20.	Hardhead,	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 6 at Duck Lake Shéfa Oct '01.	1,8,29,44,63,
21.	Grey Teal	<i>Anas gibberifrons</i>	Vag	Rare, 1 at Teuma Prawn Farm Feb 2014. 20 c BD nr Shrimp farm 2014,	8,29,61,69,
22.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Reduced due to increasing pigs & cats 4 coll 1877, 11 spec. AMNH Obs 1971 in forests. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,6,8,9,10,34,44,
23.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	P 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 8 coll 1926,	8,34,44,47

24.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs in short roadside veg. 1971. Obs. Between 2002 & 07, 1,29,34,44, MC Nov. 2002, 45,
25.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus tannensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon 1,
26.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	UC-C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 Obs. Nov 2002, 1,29,44,45,
27.	South Island Pied Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus finschi</i>	Vag	1 bird obs 29 Sep 1983 at Vila, 1,
28.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Sum mig	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, C on fields & coast Nov 2002, 1,18,44,45, Lge numbers at Teuma prawn Farm throughout year incl full 57,60,61, Br plumage among 50 in June 2013. 65 in Oct, 130 in Jan 2014,
29.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Sum mig	R. 1 Nov 2002, 45,
30.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	MC, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, MC Nov 02,3 obs Fatumaru 1,18,44,45,66, Bay Sep 2014,
31.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa japonica</i>	Sum mig	MC near Vila, 1,18,
32.	Black-tailed Godwit.	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Sum mig	2 at Teuma June 2013, 57,
33.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	MC at Bauerfield & Mele Beach, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 1,44,45, 1 at Le Meridien Resort Nov,
34.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incanus</i>	Sum mig	MC. 2 Coll. Mar. 1929. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 Nov 02 8,18,41,44, at Beachcomber, 2 obs 27 Apr 2014, 45,68
35.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Records on coast, 1 of sev Sep 2005 flagged from Hokkaido, 1,49,
36.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	C, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 4 Beachcomber resort Nov 02, 8,18,44,45,61, 4 at Teuma Prawn Farm Jan 2014.
37.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum Vag	1 reported in Vanuatu island ? < 1989, 1,
38.	Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>	Sum mig	1 obs by John Edge, 1,
39.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata acuminata</i>	Sum mig	Few in fields to White Sands Country Club Nov 02, 6 at Teuma 18,45,60, Prawn farm 15.10.2013.
40.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Sum mig	1 at Teuma Prawn Farm 15.10.2013. 60.
41.	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	Sum mig	1 obs Mele Bay 1988, 5 at Teuma Prawn Farm Jan 2014. 1,60,.
42.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	1 obs on floating platforms in lagoon at Port Vila, 1,
43.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	2 seen near Vila early 1988, 1 Nov 1988 Mele Bay, 2 Port Vila 1, for several weeks 1989,
44.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Vag	1 obs Malapoa Pt, Pt Vila Feb 2007, 44,49,
45.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	C, MC 1877, 1 Nov 02, 2 obs 5km W of Efate & 1 in Pt Vila 8,9,18,45, June 2007, 9 feeding off Pango Pt 2014, 7 obs Fatumaru Bay 46,65,66, 2014,
46.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana sumatrana</i>	Res	Breeding on islets off N Efate in May, 1,
47.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus minutus</i>	Res	1 bird exhausted after cyclone Odette Jan 1985, 1 obs Sep 2014, 1,65,
48.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	C.@ large figs 1 coll 1877, Obs Narabut but not Tagabe 1971, 8,9,29,34,39, 10M5F Col, Obs nr Port Vila 22.12.2008, 2 obs Jul 2014, 56,69,70, 15 obs SE Port Havana Nov 2014,
49.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	9 coll 1877 LC, 1 immF Coll. 1899. Obs at 2 forests 1971. 9,10,29,33,34, Coll. 1920's 1 Coll. Mar 1929. C in Vila 2005, MC 2002, Obs 40,41,43,45, Jun 2007, 5 obs Fatumaru Bay 2014, 8 obs Port Havana 2014, 46,66,70,
50.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica pacificus</i>	Res bre	A & 2 coll 1877. VC in fruiting trees Narabut 1971. Coll. 12 in 9,29,34,39, 1 R'forest trees Nov 02, LC Jun 2007, 2 obs 2014, 45,46,70,
51.	Vanuatu Mountain Pigeon	<i>Ducula bakeri</i>	End N.Vanu	Common-Uncommon 1,
52.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldi</i>	Res bre	MC 2 coll 1877, VC in fruiting trees Narabut 1971, 1M coll. 10,29,34,39,45, 2 NW Nov 02,

53.	[Rock Dove Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Columba livia</i> <i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Intro Res bre	Captive or wild? Nov 2002, 6 coll 1877, C. 2 netted at 2 forest sites 1971. 4F Coll. C on Lawn in Vila Aug. 2005. C Nov 2002, F coll by Layard Jul 1877,43,45,55, In Narabut forest but not Tagabe 1971. 4 skins examined. Obs. 10,29,34,39, between 2000 & 2006, 44,	45] 9,10,29,34,39,
54.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	5 coll 1877, Obs at 1 forest site 1971, VC Nov 2004, C, obs 1877, First flock "for 30 years" appeared 1878, F coll by Richards May 1879,	10,29,34,39, 44,
55.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Common 7 spec. AMNH, F coll by Correia 24 Jun 1926,	9,10,29,34,40,
56.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	Rare 1 rec. 1 coll 1877, Jun. 1877	9,29,35,55,
57.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877,	1,6,25,29,55,
58.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win Mig	1 obs 1877,, 2 obs in NE daytime Nov 2002,	1,9,21,
59.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win Mig	1 coll 1877, No recs 1979-99. 40 obs 20.2.2017, P 2014, 7 obs Sep 2015. 2 obs Feb 2017. 1 obs Port Vila Feb 2017.	9, 9,29,45,
60.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877, 220+ near Shrimp farm Jul 2014, 67,69,	9,29,30,71,72,
61.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	C 1coll 1877, 3 spec AMNH. F coll Havannah Hbr 1899. Obs at 1 site '7 P Nov 2004, C Vila Aug, 2005, UC Vila Jun 07, 27 obs Fatumar Bay 2014, 220+ near Shrimp farm Jul 2014, 67,69,	73,74
62.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus v. vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	1 coll 1877, P, Obs. at both forest study sites 1971 <20 birds in cave on Malatao R. P Nov 2004, C Jul 05, A June 2007, 5M 2F2? Skins AMNH, 10 obs 2014,	9,19,27,29,33, 34,40,43,46,52,
63.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. 6 netted at one, and 1 at other forest study site 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, C in wooded areas Nov 02, Obs Jul 2008 30,44,45,54, 5 obs Jul 2014,	9,29,34,40,43, 46,52,70,
64.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	4 Coll 1870's obs in forest, grasslands and beaches, 3 coll 1877, Uncommon, 2 obs at prawn farm Jun 2013, MC in forests, 1 coll 1877, 5 coll. Jul 1926. Obs at one site 1971. 1 Vila 05, 3 obs 2014,	2,10,12,29,34, 69,
65.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	1 coll 1877, 2 coll. Jul 1926. Ad coll 1899. P. 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, Widespread Nov 2002, 1 obs Jul 2008, 34,44,45,54,	9,10,
66.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo Tahitica</i>	Res bre	2 obs 12.2.2011. 8 obs 2014,	9,10,29,45,57,
67.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res	Common C in open & dense bush 6+ Spec. AMNH, P. 1971, C in wooded areas with young Nov 02, 1 obs Pango Pt 2014, 7 obs Fatumar Bay 2014,	4,8,9,22,29,34, 43,70,
68.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	C, P in thick bush 6+ spec. AMNH. 7 & 2 netted in forest 1971 1 obs NW Nov 02, 8 obs 2014,	4,9,22,29,33, 34,44,45,54,
69.	South Melanesian Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	Res bre	C on coast, 1 & 7 netted at 2 study sites 1971. Obs 2002-07, 6 obs 2014,	64,70,
70.	Fan-tailed Gerygone	<i>Gerygone flavolateralis correiae</i>	Res bre	C. 12 Males in Museums. F coll 1899. 1 netted at one of forest sites 1971.	1, 37,51,
71.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C, 4 coll 1877, in forest. 2 netted at one sit and obs at other forest 1971. P Nov 2004, MC Nov 02, MC in forest edges Jun 2007, 6 obs 2014,	1,8,28,29,34, 45,50,64, 67,
72.	Streaked Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	C on coast, 1 & 7 netted at 2 study sites 1971. Obs 2002-07, 6 obs 2014,	1,8,28,29,34, 45,53,70,
73.	Buff-banded Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	C. 12 Males in Museums. F coll 1899. 1 netted at one of forest sites 1971.	5,8,9,19,29,34, 44,70,
74.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides grisescens</i>	Res bre	C, 4 coll 1877, in forest. 2 netted at one sit and obs at other forest 1971. P Nov 2004, MC Nov 02, MC in forest edges Jun 2007, 6 obs 2014,	1,16,29,33,34, 37,51,
75.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica marinae</i>	Res bre	C. 1-2 caught in net 1971. 1 obs 2014,	1,8,10,9,17,29,
76.	Pacific (Scarlet) Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor feminina</i>	Res bre	15 coll. Jun 1926. 2 & 7 netted at 2 forest sites 1971. 2 obs 2014.	34,40,45,46,51, 70,
77.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus efatensis</i>	Res bre	C, 6 coll 1877, 29 spec taken 1928. 2 & 8 netted in forests	1,29,34,48,70, 24,29,34,70,
78.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis intacta</i>	Res bre		1,8,9,10,10,15,

79.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops f. flavifrons efatensis</i>	End Vanu	1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, C among trees Nest 18 Nov 29,34,44,45,48, 2002, 12 obs 2014, 70, C. 1coll 11877 1M coll. 1899.12 netted at 1 site Obs at other 1,8,9,11,29,33, 1971.10 coll. 1926. 1 Coll. 1929. Vila Aug 05, VC in forest & 34,38,41,43, town edges Jun 2007, M coll Dec 1926, 3 obs Pango Pt 2014, 46,55,65, C. 2 coll 1877, 3 netted at one site 1971. Coll. 1878. coll Jun/1,9,29,34,36, Jul 1926, 1-11 Coll. 1929. Vila Aug 05, VC in forest Jun 07, 38,41,43,46, Common. 2MIF coll. 1899. 1,33,
80.	Silvereeye	<i>Zosterops lateralis vatensis</i>	Res bre	C. 8+ spec AMNH, UC in Flw Bch shrubs, obs at both forest 8,9,10,26,29, sites 1971. 1-2 Coll. 1929. A Vila, Aug 05, Ad c fledl Nov 02, 34,41,43,45,70, 8 obs 19 Nov 2014,
81.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	Res bre	MC Obs 1877, 6+ spec. AMNH. F coll. 1899. Obs at one of 1,8,9,11,26,29, forest sites 1971. 2 in Vila Jun 2007, 33,34,46,
82.	Dark Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	C. 20 spec 1926. 4 coll 1899. Sm flocks on cleared areas 1971. 1,3,8,20,29,32, Few seen E Nov 02, None on Mele Golf Course Dec 2008, 33,34,45,56,70, 1 obs 21.11.2014,
83.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	C-UC 26 spec 1926. UC Grassy gaps Montane Forest 1,3,8,20,29,30, Escapees sighted in Port Vila 1960's and 70's. 30,
84.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	P. 1971, 20 obs Port Vila Jul 2008, 6 obs, 14 obs nr shrimp 8,34,54,67,69, farm on rd 2014,
85.	Red-Headed Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura cyaneovirens efatensis</i>	Res bre	Sm flock obs 1988, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 30,44,
86.	Red-throated Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura psittacea</i>	Intro	Sm flock Port Vila 1988, 30,
87.	Red-billed Waxbill	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	Intro	Well established in Vila. P. 1971. Mainly in Vila Nov 02, 8,34,45,46, MC in Vila & Wharf Jun 2007,
88.	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	Self Intro –Fiji	C. Desc for this island. 1,29,36,
89.	Red-browed Firetail	<i>Neochmia temporalis</i>	Into?	C. P. 1971. C Vila Aug 2005, A Nov 2002, C in Vila June '07 8,34,43,45, 50 at Prawn farm Jun 2013, 25 Fatumaru Bay 2014, 46,58,67,
90.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Intro	C. 7 coll 1877, Ad coll. 1899. Obs. at one forest site 1971. 8,9,10,29,32, C Nov 2002,UC in Pt Vila Jun 2007, 4 obs Wharf Rd 2014, 33,34,45,46,68,
91.	Rusty-winged Starling	<i>Aplornis zelandicus rufipennis</i>	Res bre	
92.	Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	
93.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	

## 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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