

Erromango Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu Sth.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	Possibly breeds on Goat Islet & other offshore islets, C,	1,5,21,
2.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna tenuirostris tenuirostris</i>	Res	Common at sea Nov 2004,	21,29,
3.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus diminutus</i>	Res bre	MC, P,	1,19,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	UC-C, 2 spec AMNH. Obs 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,14,19,25,30,
5.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans approximans</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	19,30,
6.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falcon peregrinus nesiotis</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon	1,19,
7.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Res bre	C.	1,19,
8.	Hardhead,	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	Common	1,19,
9.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Res bre	P. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	25,30,
10.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	Common. P. 1971.	1,19,25,
11.	Spotless Crake	<i>Porzana tabuensis tabuensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,5,19,
12.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus tannensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,5,19,
13.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon	1,19,
14.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	Fairly common, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	30,
15.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incanus</i>	Sum mig	Fairly Common 1 spec. Mar.	12,
16.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	Uncommon 1877,	7,
17.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Res bre	Obs in virgin forest but not regrowth 1971. Coll. 1920's Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	19,25,27, 30,
18.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	1 coll 1877, 1M1F coll 1899.P. 1971.1M1F coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,5,7,8,19,24, 25,26,30,
19.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Res bre	C-UC. 1 coll 1877 starving birds exited forests after cyclone, 1F Coll. 1899. In regrowth but not virgin kauri 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,7,19,24,25, 26,30,
20.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica pacifica</i>	Res bre	Abundant 1877, VC # coll. 1899. Obs. in forest & regrowth 1971. Coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	6,7 19,23, 25,26,30,
21.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C., P. 1971. 1 skin exam. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,19,25,26,30,
22.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, 1M Coll. 1899. 1 netted in virgin Kauri 16 in old regrowth. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,7,19,24, 25,26,30,
23.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	C. Obs at regrowth 1971. VC Nov 2004,	1,19,25,29,
24.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	P,	19,
25.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis schistaceigularis</i>	Win mig	Common 1 spec. AMNH.	1,4,15,19,
26.	Shining Bronze-Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus layardi</i>	Win mig	Common, Obs 1877, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,7,19,30,
27.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	Common	1,19,

28.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877. Obs in Virgin Kauri forest & not regrowth 1971. P Nov 2004, M 2F skins AMNH,	1,7,19,25,29,34,
29.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius ingrens</i>	Res bre	Obs 1877, 1 st rec> 1870's = 1998. no recs 1979-99, 3M1F1? skins AMNH,	1,6,7,18,19,20,34,
30.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus v. vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1970s, 2 spec. AMNH. Obs in virgin forest and mature regrowth 1971, P Nov 2004, 4 skins AMNH,	1,7,16,19,25,29,34,
31.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	?	Obs 1870's on beach, in grassland and in forest,	7,
32.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	C. 1 coll 1899. 5 netted in Kauri forest 7 in mature regrowth 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	6,19,24,25,29,30,
33.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,19,30,
34.	South Melanesian Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina caledonica</i>	Res bre	C-UC, Obs in virgin kauri forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,5,6,19,25,30,
35.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	C. 2 coll. 2M1F coll 1899. obs in Virgin kauri forest 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,3,13,19,24,25,30,
36.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	C. 5 netted in Kauri forest and 18 in mature regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,6,19,25,30,
37.	Streaked (Spotted) Fantail	<i>Rhipidura verreauxi spilodera</i>	Res bre	Fairly common 2 spec. BM. 2 M Coll 1899.	1,17,24,35,
38.	Buff-bellied Monarch	<i>Neolalage banksiana</i>	End Vanu	Common on coast,	7,
39.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pachycephaloides</i>	Res bre	8 netted in kauri forest 1971.	25,
40.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica melanura</i>	Res bre	C. 1 coll 1877, 2F Coll. 1899. 3 netted in kauri forest & mature regrowth 3 or 4 Nov 2004,	1,5,7,10,19,24,25,29,
41.	Pacific Robin	<i>Petroica multicolor similis /cognata</i>	Res bre	3 spec. 3 coll 1899. Juv M coll 1899. 2 netted in virgin kauri forest, 26 in mature regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	11,19,23,24,25,30,33,
42.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis chlorura</i>	Res bre	C. Obs 1877, 11 netted in virgin kauri forest 13 in mature regrowth 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, In lowland forest,	1,5,7,9,19,25,30,31,33,
43.	Yellow-fronted White-eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons</i>	End Vanu	C. 21 netted in mature kauri forest 24 in regrowth 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,5,7,19,25,30,
44.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Res bre	Common, Obs 1877, P. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,7,19,25,30,
45.	White-bellied Honeyeater	<i>Glycifohia notabilis</i>	End Vanu	Common. 3F coll. 1899. 3 Coll. <1870.	1,24,28,32,
46.	Dark-Brown Honeyeater	<i>Lichmera incana</i>	Res bre	Common-Uncommon. P. 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,5,19,25,30,
47.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	MC. 5 netted in kauri forest 1 in mature regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2007,	1,5,19,25,30,
48.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	C. 7 netted in virgin kauri forest and 9 in mature regrowth '71. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,19,25,30,
49.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	Common. P. 1971.	1,2,5,19,25,
50.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	Common	1,5,19,

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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