

Tanna Island Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Collared Petrel	<i>Pterodroma brevipes</i>	Res	4 spec from burrows >300m asl on Mt Melon 1 egg, 2 Apr 1936 AMNH, F coll 23 Jul 1936 M 2 Apr 1936 by Macmillan,	1,4,36,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus chlororhynchus</i>	Res bre	Coll 1936, eggs coll. M&F coll 17 Oct 1935 by Macmillan,	12,27,36,
3.	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Ardenna griseus</i>	Res	10 to W 23 Nov 2004,	30,
4.	Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna t. tenuirostris</i>	Res	Common offshore Nov 2004.	30,
5.	Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri gunax</i>	Res bre	Specimens coll. on ridges near Mt Melon AMNH – 970m asl, 3 on 11 Mar 1935, 3 on 1 Dec 1936, 1 on 28 Jan 1937 (667 m), F coll by Macmillan 20 Nov 1935,	1,12,36,
6.	Polynesian Storm-Petrel	<i>Nesofregatta fuliginosa</i>	Res	1 spec coll in crater at 424m asl 12 Nov 1935 AMNH, Coll,	1,12,
7.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	Coll 1936,	12,
8.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	UC-C, Obs 1971, Obs. between 2002 & 2006, 1 Lenakel 2008, 2 obs Nov 2014,	1,4,19,22,31,37,39,
9.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vag.	1 obs Port Resolution 1998 & Aug 2004.	31,
10.	White-faced Heron	<i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>	Vag	2 at lake Apr 1998, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	18,31,
11.	Swamp Harrier	<i>Circus approximans wolfi</i>	Res bre	Coll 1935, P in old garden regrowth. Obs. over cleared land. 2 on 22 Nov 2004, 1 Lenakel & Lamakaun Jul 2008, 1 2014,	12,19,22,22,30,37,39,
12.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Res?	Not found 1936, <3 seen Apr 1998. Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	12,18,31,
13.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falcon peregrinus nesiotus ernesti</i>	Res Bre	Common-Uncommon Coll 1936, M Coll. 1936, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,6,12,19,24,31,
14.	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Vag	Orphaned Duckling taken as pet from Lake Siwi,	1,
15.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosapelewensis</i>	Res bre	Common Coll. 1936, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,12,19,31,
16.	Hardhead	<i>Aythya australis</i>	Res bre	1 spec. on eggs. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, M&F coll.	1,8,9,19,31,35,
17.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res Bre	Common. Coll 1936, P. 1971. 2 obs Nov 2014,	1,4,12,19,22,39,
18.	White-browed Crake	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus tannensis</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	1,10,19,
19.	Spotless Crake (Sooty Rail)	<i>Porzana tabuensis tabuensis</i>	V, R	Uncommon	1,4,8,9,10,19,
20.	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Intro	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs Nov 2014,	31,39,
21.	Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio samoensis</i>	Res bre,V	Common-Uncommon, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,4,19,31,
22.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Vag,	2 obs. Whitegrass airport Mar 2006,	31,32,
23.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	C 4 spec Jul, Nov. Obs. 2000 to 2006, 12 obs Nov 2014,	10,16,21,31,39,
24.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegates</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs Nov 2014,	31,39,
25.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus i. incanus</i>	Sum mig	3 spec Apr, Nov. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 3 obs Nov 2014,	16,21,31,39,
26.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	31,

27.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum mig	Common, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 8 obs Nov 2014,	10,21,31,39,
28.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum mig	8 obs Nov 2014,	39,
29.	Crested Tern				
30.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis leopoldii</i>	Res bre	C-U, Coll 1936, P. 1971. 1M skin exam. Obs. between 2000 & 2006, F coll by Buxton Sep 1925,	1,4,12,19, 22,26,31,36
31.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia m. mackinlayi</i>	Res bre	C. Obs. in old garden regrowth 1971. 5 skins examin. 1 Nov 04	1,4,11,19, 22,26,30,
32.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longorostris</i>	Res bre	C, Coll 1936, 2 netted in old garden regrowth 1971, 1MIF Coll. 1 Nov 04, Obs between 2002 & 2006, 4 at Lenakel Jul 2008,	1,4,12,19, 22,26,30,31,37,
33.	[Tanna Ground Dove Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Gallicolumba ferruginea</i> <i>Ptilinopus greyii</i>	Extinct? Res bre	Painted by Forster 1774, no other records Coll 1936, P. 1971. Coll. 1920's, Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	4, 12,19,22,28, 31,
34.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	Obs in Bethel regrowth 1971. 2MIF coll., Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 obs Nov 2014,	1,10,19,22, 26,31,39,
35.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacificus pacificus</i>	Res bre	Coll. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	19,26,31,
36.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res Bre	C. Coll 1936, Obs. In old garden regrowth 1971. VC Nov 2004,	1,4,12,19, 22,30,
37.	Palm Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna palmarum</i>	Res bre	P	1,19,
38.	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis pyrrhophanus schistaceigularis</i>	Win mig	C, Coll 1936, 3 spec. AMNH.	1,8,12,9,19,
39.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	Res bre	C. 7 spec. AMNH. Obs over cleared land 1971.	1,4,8,9,19, 22,
40.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	C. Coll 1936, Obs. In old garden regrowth 1971. P Nov 2004,	1,4,12,19,22,30
41.	White-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus spodiopygius</i>	Res bre	2MIF skins AMNH, P Ienmarei & SE Jul 2008, 50 obs 2014, Common 1 st rec > 1870's = 1998 No recs 1979-99, P Nov 04,	1,2,4,18, 19,30,
42.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus v. vanikorensis</i>	Res bre	C, P. 1971. P Nov 2004, 1F skin AMNH,	1,4,19,22, 30,34,
43.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris tannensis</i>	Res bre	C. 10 netted in old garden regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2002 & 2006, F coll by Buxton 9 Sep 1925, 1 obs Jul 2008, 2 2014,	1,3,4,13,19,22, 30,31,36,37,39,
44.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	C. Coll 1936, Local on marsh around Lake Siwi 1971. P Nov 2004, Obs N Tanna & Lenakel 2008, 10 obs Nov 2014,	1,4,12,19,22, 30,37,39,
45.	Polynesian Triller	<i>Lalage maculosa</i>	Res bre	C., Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 1 obs Nov 2014,	1,4,31,39,
46.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	Common 2 coll. 2 seen Nov 2004, Obs. between, Coll 1936, 2000 & 2006	1,4,7,12,17, 19,30,31,
47.	Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	Res bre	Common. P. 1971.	1,4,19,22,
48.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa fuliginosa</i>	Res bre	21 birds seen Apr 1998, 3 spec BM. 7 netted in old garden regrowth 1971. Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	18,22,31,33,
49.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica melanura</i>	Res bre	C. 8 netted in old garden regrowth 1971. 3 or 4 Nov 2004, Obs 2 days Lamakaun 2008,	1,4,10,11,14,19 22,30,37,
50.	[Common Golden Whistler Pacific Robin	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i> <i>Petroica multicolor similis</i>	? Res bre	Not seen 1936, 1 spec BM prob Mislabeled & from Tonga 2 netted in old garden regrowth 1971. 1m seen Mt Yasur 2004,	1,4,10,12,18, 4,11,15,19, 22,30,
51.	Yellow-fronted White-Eye	<i>Zosterops flavifrons flavifrons</i>	End Vanu	C. 13 coll 1936, 106 netted in old garden regrowth 1971, Obs. 2000-2006, Obs at Lenakel & Ienmarei Jul 2008,	1,4,10,12,19,22 25,31,37,
52.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis macmillani</i>	Res bre	Common. 14 Coll 1936, P. 1971, Obs. between 2000 & 2006, 2 obs Lenakel Jul 2008, 10 obs Nov 2014,	1,4,12,19,22, 31,37,39,

53.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res bre	MC, 8 coll 1936, Obs. In old garden regrowth 1971. Obs. 2002, 1,4,10,11,12,19-2007, 2M coll by Layard Port Resolution Jul 1878, P 2008, 22,31,36,37,39, 4 obs Nov 2014,	
54.	Blue-faced Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura trichroa cyaneifrons</i>	Res bre	C. Not found 1936, Sm flocks in grasslands, urban areas & clearings 1971. Obs 2002 – 2007, 3 at Lenakel Jul 2008,	1,4,10,12,19, 22,23,31,37,
	[Royal Parrot-finch	<i>Erythrura regia</i>	?	1 spec. BM. Prob mislabelled for origin	18,]
55.	Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Intro	C. Coll 1936, P. 1971. Coll USNM, C 2004, obs Jul 2008,	1,4,5,10,12,22, 29,30,37,38,39,
56.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus tenuis</i>	Res bre	3 in photo >2005, 100 obs Nov 2014,	1,10,19,
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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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