

Motupore Is. Bird Checklist

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	Sum mig	2 beach-washed corpses May 89.	1,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	1 tangled in fish net.	1,
3.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res	Occasional single birds, M on 28, F on 29 Sep 2008,	1,9,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	3, Apr 1976. 19 Offshore Oct 1986. 1-19, 1998-2004. 28 on 29.9.2008 & 40 on 28 Sep 2008,	2,3,9,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	singles C offshore., 4 offshore Jun 1986.	1,4,
6.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res bre	2 Dec 96. <4 /day 1-3 seen most trips 1998-2008.	5,1,9,
7.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Res	1 seen Apr 88 & Jun 91.	1,
8.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	Res bre	<4/day. P, 1 from mainland Apr 76. 1 Dec 961, Oct. 1998 & 2002.	1,2,5,9,
9.	Rufous Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonica</i>	Res	1 in Oct 1998.	9,
10.	White-breasted Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	1 Ad. Jun 88	1,
11.	Whistling Kite	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	Res	Singles 2 seen Dec 96.	1,5,
12.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Res	Singles 1, Jun 1999, 2, Apr 2000.	1,9,
13.	Brown Goshawk	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	Res	1 seen Jun 89.	1,
14.	Pacific Black Duck	<i>Anas superciliosa</i>	Vag	2 flew close by the island 28.9.2008,	9,
15.	Orange-footed Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius reinwardt</i>	Res ?	1 seen Jun 91 & Oct 92. 1 obs 29 & 30 Sep 2008,	1,9,
16.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	1, 1996. 1, 7.10.2004.	1,9,
17.	Masked Lapwing	<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Res	1 flew over Sep 1988, Pr on beach at low tide under Frangipani, at high tides Sep 2008,	1,9,
18.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum Mig	Singles Dec 89 & Apr 91.	1,
19.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum Mig	1 seen Oct 86. 1 seen Oct. 1986.	1,4,
20.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum Mig	“singles present all year 1, Apr. 1976. 1, Dec 96. 1-3, 1998-08. 1 banded Oct '86-Dec'87,	1,2,5,9,11,
21.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum mig	1-3, Oct. 1998-2008, <4 Aug-Apr.	1,9,
22.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	Singles Sep-Apr. 1, 6 & 7 Oct 2004.	1,9,
23.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum Mig	1 seen Apr 88, 2 seen Aug 89.	1,
24.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Sum mig	1 seen Apr 91.	1,
25.	Large Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	5 Apr 1991. 2, 3.10.2002.	1,9,
26.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum Mig	1 seen Apr 87.	1,
27.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	?	Oct – Apr. 3-8, Many Apr 71, 2 seen Dec 96. Apr 2000.	1,2,5,9,
28.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	Occasional offshore	1,
29.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res	Occasional offshore.	1,

30.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	occasional offshore.	1,
31.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	Occasional offshore	1,
32.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	Singles Oct 81, Apr 89, Apr 91, 1 dying bird washed up 28 Sep. 1,9, 2008,	
33.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res bre	<14 on channel markers. 11 offshore Oct 86. 1-10, 1998-2008.	1,4,9,
34.	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	Res bre	Often on Channel Marks. 1 offshore Oct 86. 8+ Dec 96. 4, Apr 1,4,5,9, 2000, 1, 7.10.2004.	
35.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res bre	10 offshore Dec 90.	1,
36.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>		30 offshore Dec 90. 20 offshore Oct 2004.	1,9,
37.	Orange-fronted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus aurantiifrons</i>	Res	Sm #s Usually in Mangroves. 2, 6.10.2004, 5 on 29.9.2008,	1,9,
38.	Peaceful Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	Temp res?	3 29 Sep 2008,	9,
39.	Bar-shouldered Dove	<i>Geopelia humeralis</i>	Res	C. 1 seen Apr 76. 2 seen Dec 96. 2, 7.10.1998.	1,2,5,9,
40.	Pacific Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps longirostris</i>	Res	1 in mangroves Dec 87. 2 flew from mainland 6.4.2000. 1, 6. 10.2004.	1,9,
41.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res	2 in mangroves Jul 89, 1 Oct 92. 11, Oct 1998, 15, Oct 2004. 3 feeding 3 flew over 29.9.2008,	1,9,
42.	Channel-billed Cuckoo	<i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>	Res	1 overhead Jun 1991. 1, 3.10.2003, 4, 6.10.2004 flying Sth.	1,9,
43.	Pheasant Coucal	<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>	Res	2, Apr 87. 1, Dec 96. 1-3, 1998-2008.	1,5,9,
44.	Papuan Frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>	vag	1 seen Apr 90, Apr 91.	1,
45.	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	Reg vis?	2 seen & heard 28 Sep 2008,	9,
46.	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Spr/Aut Mig	7 heading Sth rested for 5 mins above island. 1.10.2004	9,
47.	Blue-winged Kookaburra	<i>Dacelo leachii</i>	Res	1 seen Jul 88, Often heard 1 seen Dec 96.	1,2,5,
48.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus sancta</i>	Win mig	MC Mar-Oct. 4+ Apr 76. 2 seen Dec 96. 1, 1.10.2002, 11 band -ed Oct '88-Dec '89, 13 banded 6 retrapped 1988,	1,2,5,9,11,12,
49.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus collaris</i>	Res	1, Oct, 2002, 2004, 2 heard 28 Sep 2008,	9,
50.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	Res	P,	1,
51.	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	Res	1 seen Dec 96.	5,
52.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	Res bre	Bred Jun 92, C perched on boat & buildings. 1-3, 1998-2008.	1,2,9,
53.	White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	Res	1 obs 5.4.2000, 2 obs 6.10.2004.	9,
54.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Res	Using savanna & mangroves, 3 seen Dec 96. 3 on 28.9.2008,	1,5,9,
55.	Slender-billed Cicadabird	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>	Res	1 mistnetted in Mangroves Jun 89.	1,
56.	White-shouldered Fairy-Wren	<i>Malurus alboscapulatus</i>	Res bre	Seen with young 29.11.89. 2/3 Oct 2004, 13 29.9.2008,	1,9,
57.	Mangrove Gerygone	<i>Gerygone levigaster</i>	Res bre	1 Nov 92, Heard Dec 96.	1,5,
58.	Willie Wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys melaleuca</i>	Res	P, 4 seen Dec 96. 1, Oct 1998, 4, Apr 2000, 9, Oct 2004. 4 in Oct 2008, <3 banded 1988,	1,5,9,10,12,
59.	Shining Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto wardelli</i>	Res bre	<2 Prs live in mangroves, M&F banded 1988.	1,6,12,
60.	Satin Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>	Res	1 seen Jun 88.	1,
61.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura</i>	Res	1 Oct 1998 & 2002.	9.
62.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C, C. Nest c young Apr 76. 11 seen Dec 96, 2, 1998-2008. Nest-building Apr 2000, 9 banded Oct'88 – Dec'89, 4FIM Banded 1988,	1,2,5,7,9,11, 12,
63.	Graceful Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga gracilis</i>	Res	1-2 pr inhabit mangroves 2 seen Dec 96, 3-6 on 29.9.2008, 2 banded Oct'88 – Dec'89,	1,5,9,11,
64.	Puff-backed Meliphaga	<i>Meliphaga aruensis</i>	Res bre	4, incl. br pr c nest in coastal Hibiscus 5.4.2000, 2, 6.10.2004.	9,
65.	Helmeted Friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides</i>	Res	1-2 freq seen. 1 seen Dec 96. 2-3, 1998-2008, 1 banded 1988,	1,5,9,12,
66.	Rufous-banded Honeyeater	<i>Conopophila albogularis</i>	Res	3 seen Nov 92. 2-3 1998-2008.	1,9,

67.	Figbird	<i>Sphecotheros vieilloti</i>	Res bre	4 seen Sep 88. Sev. In Savanna Apr 76. 2 flew to Isl 5.10.2004.1,9,2,
68.	White-breasted Woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	Res	1 seen Jun 1986
69.	Black-backed Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus mentalis</i>	Res	Pr, 1 seen Dec 96. 1, 6.10.2004, 1 banded Oct'88 – Dec'89, 1,5,9,11,
70.	Fawn-breasted Bowerbird	<i>Chlamydera cerviniventris</i>	Res	1 seen Dec 96. 1 active bower in 1988.
71.	Glossy-mantled Manucode	<i>Manucodia atra</i>	Res	1, Oct 1998, Apr 2000, & 2 on 28 & 29 Sep 2008,
72.	Torresian Crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>	Res	2, Apr 76. 2, 1998-2008.

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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