

Nissan Island Systematic Bird Check List

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	Sum mig	towards Rabaul, 10 offshore 18 Jan 1998 – Dutson,	6,25,
2.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardeanna pacificus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	towards Rabaul, Pale & dark Morphs towards Buka by Dutson,	6,25,34,
3.	Tropical (Audubon's) Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bailloni (lherminieri (ssp?))</i>	Win mig	towards Rabaul	6,
4.	Heinroth's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus heinrothi</i>	Res	1 offshore 18 th Jan 1998,	19,
5.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	1 towards Rabaul,	6,
6.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	1 recorded by Nachman,	25,
7.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	1 seen on several days,	8,24,
8.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Vag	P, Residing on large lagoon,	1,2,26,
9.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	Res	1 to south, 1 to Rabaul.	6,
10.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res	1 on E of Pinipel. Dutson saw 5 18 th & 3 19 th Jan 1998,	8,21,25,
11.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res	Recorded by Nachman, 1 obs Oct 2014,	25,34,
12.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta s. sacra</i>	Res bre	P, Both Grey & White Nest & egg 1981, M coll 1944,	2,5,8,9,11,24,
13.	Rufous Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus mandibularis</i>	Res bre	P, None seen 5 spec coll prev. 5 spec. AMNH. 4 shot by Eichhorn Imm photographed on airstrip, 1M coll 1929 AMNH	1,2,4,9,18, 24,27,25,32,33
14.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus melvillensis</i>	Res bre	P, Moderately common, Obs at Manulab,	2,5,8,9,24,
15.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus flavirostris</i>	Res bre	P, C, VC. M coll Oct 1944, Nests in tall trees. C, M coll 1924,	1,5,8,9,10,11, 24,25,33,34,
16.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res bre	P, 1 seen. Breeds, Coll by Bennett 1944, 1Ad 1 Imm Sep 2007,	2,8,11,24,25, 28,34,
17.	Solomons Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus sanfordi</i>	Res	P?, MC & Br. Pr near airfield., Not listed for this island,	5,9,13,24,
18.	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus papuanus</i>	Vag?	Occasionally seen,	24,
19.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus ernesti</i>	Res ?	1 photog. Jan 1998.	1,6,19,
20.	Melanesian Scrub Fowl	<i>Megapodius eremita</i>	Res bre	Moderately common VC. First Coll by Eichhorn 1924, 2M coll 1944, Heard everywhere Sep 2001, 3M coll Aug 1929,	1,2,5,8,9,11,22, 24,25,27,32,
21.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	Overwintering>summer 6 coll Aug & Sep 1-3/day, 3coll Oct 1944, <40 on airstrip Sept 2001, 4 from Aug in moult 2 Sep not,	8,9,11,15,24, 25,33,
22.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria i. interpres</i>	Sum mig	6 overwintering. 2F coll Nov 1944, 3-9 several times. 2 on inner Nissan Sep 01,	8,9,11,24,25,
23.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus variegatus</i>	Sum Mig	1 overwintering <6 seen. M coll Aug 1944, 2 or 3 on airstrip 1 on reef Sep 01,	8,9,11,24,25,
24.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	sev. Overwintering 1/2 seen most days. 1 several times Sep 01,	8,9,24,25,34, 4 obs Oct 2014,

25.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana brevipes</i>	Sum Mig	F coll Nov 1944, P,	11,24,
26.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Sum Mig	<4 Obs. Aug, Nov. Dec. F coll Aug & Nov 1944, Sm #'s at airstrip and on reef Sep 01, 3M5F coll Aug 1924 AMNH, C 11-21 Aug 1924, 1 obs Oct 2014,	8,11,24,25, 29,33,34,
27.	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	Sum Mig	3 seen on airstrip Sept 01,	24,25,
28.	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Sum mig	1 offshore Jan 98, 2 Alaskan birds radio-tracked nearby Nov & Dec 06,	19,30,
29.	Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	5 prob obs off W coast Jan 1998. Fast falcon-like feeding was described by locals, 3 seen by Dutson 19.1.98,	19,24, 25,
30.	Long-tailed Skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	Spr/Aut mig	1 offshore Jan 1998.	19,
31.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i>	Sum mig	2Pr in eclipse plum. shot by Bennett 1944, Seen Apr 1982, 20 obs Oct 2014,	9,10,11,15,24, 34,
32.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res bre	C, Sometimes absent Many, 2 M coll Nov. 1944, 1M coll 1929	8,9,10,11,32, 24,
33.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	Res	1 coll per Hamlin,	24,25,
34.	Grey-backed Tern	<i>Onychoprion lunata</i>	Res	1 coll. 4.1.1928 by Hamlin,	24,
35.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	rec by Nachman but not separated from Sooty.	24,25,
36.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	5 seen by Dutson 18 th Jan & 70 19.1.98, 10 obs Oct 2014,	24,25,34,
37.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	UC Few, Sev, Coll 4 Jan 1928 Hamlin, 2 seen 18.1.98 - Dutson 3 obs Oct 2014,	8,9,24,25,34,
38.	Brown (Common) Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	Common U Aug, Nov. Dec. 2 obs Oct 2014,	8,9,10,24,34,
39.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	sev coll 4.1.1928 by Hamlin, 10 seen by Dutson 18.1.98, 6 obs Oct 2014,	24,25,34,
40.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res	Several seen flying high 4.1.1928 by Hamlin	24,
41.	Mackinlay's Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia mackinlayi arossi</i>	Res bre	Mod common, Bre on Hon Isl. C. C, Pr coll Aug 1944, 8 coll by Whitney Exp. 3M3F coll 1929 AMNH, 8 col 1924, 1 rec. Eichhorn 1924, Photo by Nachman & last seen by Howell in 1981 & Harding 1982, M&F coll 1924 similar to Sols not NI, 0 rec. Sev coll 1924, Bennett Coll 2M 1944, 3 coll by Whitney Exp. 1M1F1? AMNH, Series coll Aug 1924 all in moult	1,5,8,9,11,24, 25,32,33,
42.	Stephan's Dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani mortoni</i>	Res bre	1,8,9,24,	25,27,33,
43.	Nicobar Pigeon	<i>Caloenas n. nicobarica</i>	Res	1,8,11,24, 25,32,33,	25,32,33,
44.	Bronze (Beccari's) Ground-dove	<i>Gallicolumba beccarii masculina</i>	Br Res.	UC, Nest & nestling 1 st trip Jun 1981, 1 rec 3 rd trip. Eichorn found 7 nests c 1 egg & 9 skins coll. Aug 1924, 11 coll by Whit- ney Exp. Obs by Nachman & not by Hadden, 6M2F3? AMNH,	1,2,5,8,9,24,
45.	Superb Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	Res bre	P? 1 rec. Hadden believes these were misidentifications,	2,8,9,24,
46.	Yellow-bibbed Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus solomonensis neumanni</i>	Res bre.	P, MC, 2M coll 1944, 9 Coll. Aug 1929. Seen most days nest with egg Apr 82, 8 nests with single eggs found Aug., 5M4F coll 1929 AMNH, 8 nests with 1 egg each Aug 1924,	1,2,8,9,11,17, 24,27,32,33,
47.	Claret-breasted Fruit-dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis lewisi</i>	Res bre	P, 0 rec. Prob miss-identifications of Superb,	2,8,9,25,
48.	Island Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula p. pistrinaria</i>	Res bre	VC on Hon Isl. VC., Many birds nesting in June, & Aug, 5 coll by Whitney Exped. 2M3F coll 1929 AMNH, 8 coll many nests with eggs found Aug 1924 Tring,	1,2,8,9,11,24, 27,32,33,
49.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	Small numbers, 2 regularly fed at Kulis village,	24,25,
50.	Coconut Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Fairly common <15+ seen/day, 16 taken by Whitney Exp. VC 2001, 3 coll 1944, 8M6F coll 1929 AMNH, 8M coll 1924, UC 1 rec. Lowland forest, coconuts & regrowth, 2m coll 1924, UC 2001, 2M coll 1924,	1,2,5,8,9,11,24, 25,32,33,
51.	Red-flanked Lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentis pallidior</i>	Res bre	UC 1 rec. Lowland forest, coconuts & regrowth, 2m coll 1924, UC 2001, 2M coll 1924,	1,2,7,8,9,24, 25,27,33,

52.	Cardinal Lory	<i>Chalcopsitta cardinalis</i>	Res bre	Green Is , Nissan MC. R Sep 2001, None seen 2001 –extinct? 1,2,7,8,10,11, 1M coll 1944, 19 coll 1924, 24,25, 33,
53.	Shining Bronze-cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx lucidus lucidus</i>	Res bre	1 M spec coll 4 Sep 1924, 1 on Sirot Is, 3 rec. 1 coll by Whitney Exp. M coll 5 Aug 1929 AMNH, M coll 4 Sep 1924, 25,32,33,
54.	Long-tailed Koel	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i>	Win mig	3F coll. 1924, M Aug 1929, Obs Sep 2001, R. M coll 10 Aug 1929 AMNH, 3F coll 2 nd 9 th & 15 th Sep 1924, 16,24,32,33,
55.	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica crassirostris</i>	Res bre	UC, 0 rec Locals say it exists, Eichhorn shot 1M, Whitney shot 1,2,8,9,24,25, 1M1F, Known to Nachman but not Howell, Harding or Hadden,27,32,33, F coll 1929, M coll Sep 1924,
56.	Uniform Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis lugubris</i>	Res bre	C on Sirot Is only Few. UC 1985, 1998, 2001, 1,2,8,9,24,25,
57.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta spilogaster/ hypogrammica</i>	Res bre	VC, Nesting cave on E. VC 9 curr nests June, 2m coll 1944, 1,2,5,8,9,11,12, VC, 6 coll by Whitney Exp. 7M6F skins AMNH, 8 coll 1924, 24,25,31,33,
58.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris bennetti</i>	Res bre	UC UC, This ssp is easily distinguished from Sacred, 2Coll by Bennett 1944, 7 coll by Whitney, 1 seen 2001, 4M3F coll 1929,27,32,
59.	Sacred Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. sancta</i>	Res bre	VC 5 spec by Mayr. VC. Arrive in Mar & leave Sep/Oct. 2,5,8,9,24,25, 1 coll by Whitney <20 at airport 1982, C 2001, 2M3F coll 6&7 32,33, Aug 1929 AMNH, 9 coll 1924,
60.	Beach Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus s. saurophaga</i>	Res bre	P, C, C ie widespread not flocks. 2 coll 1944, 2 spec Whitney, 1,2,8,9,11,24, C 2001, 1M1F coll 1929 AMNH, Series of >3 coll 1924, 25,32,33,
61.	[Ultramarine Kingfisher ? Common Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus leucopygia</i> <i>Alcedo atthis solomonensis</i>	? Res bre	Uncertain rec. 0 rec. 5,8,] P, 0 rec. Locates in shade of coastal shrubs, 1 st rec by Lang, 2,8,9,24,25, sev seen 2001,
	[Little Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo pusilla</i>	?	Recorded by Nachman who was not an Ornithol. but doubted by Hadden, 25,]
62.	Rainbow Bee-eater	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Vag	1 rec 0 rec from 3 trips, Seen by Nachman, M&F coll 6 Aug 1929 AMNH, 5,8,24,25,32,
63.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res	Present 1 rec 2 nd trip. UC-LA near fresh water. Coll. 1920's 1,2,8,9,20,23, 1 seen 2001 1 taken by Whitney Exp, M coll 1929 AMNH, 24,25,32,
64.	Tree Martin	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	Win mig	3 seen 14.4.1982. 8,24,
65.	Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae melanops</i>	Res bre	P. only on 2 nd trip. LC Apr – Oct. 1M Coll. 9 Aug. 1929. Seen daily foraging on grass strip 2001, M col 9 Aug 1929 AMNH, 24,25,32,
66.	Island Monarch	<i>Monarcha cinerascens impediens</i>	Res bre	V. C. VC. Inhabits littoral forest, scrub and gardens. 15M Coll. 1,2,5,8,9,10, 2 nests on Nissan 10 m above ground, 28 coll by Whiney Exp. 11,20,23,24, 2F coll 1944, Seen Sep 2006, 13M 12F 3? Coll 1929, 8 coll 25,28,32,33, 1924 Tring,
67.	Common Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala pectoralis dahli /whitneyi</i> hybrid,?	Res bre	1Pr similar plumage, 1 heard. 2m coll 1944, 8M 4F coll 1929, 1,8,9,11,14,23, 4m 4F coll 1924 Tring, 24,32,33,
68.	Mangrove Golden Whistler	<i>Pachycephala melanura dahli</i>	Res bre	C. Forest scrub & mangroves. 12 taken by Whitney Exp, 6,20,24,25,
69.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis flavigaster</i>	Res bre	1 rec. 1 heard. MC-C outside forests, Teacher knew it from photo, 2,8,9,20,24, 25,
70.	Louisiades White-eye	<i>Zosterops griseotinctus eichhorni</i>	Br Res.	VC, A, A. 7M Coll. VC in all habitats, Eichhorn found 4 nests in Aug. 34 taken by Whitney Exp, still A, Seen Sep 2006, 1,2,5,8,9,11,20, 23,24,25,28,32, Pr coll 1944, 20M 14F Coll 1929, 8 skins 4 nest ea with 2 eggs 33, Coll Aug 1924,
71.	Singing Starling	<i>Aplornis cantoroides</i>		Nachman says it was present, & Hamlin noted 3 species but only named two so its records are uncertain? 7M9F coll 1929, 25,32,33,

72.	Atoll Starling	<i>Aplornis f. feadensis</i>	Res bre	series coll 1924 Tring Mus, C, VC, VC. C & attacking Noddy eggs, Nestl in Jun, Pr coll 1,2,5,8,9,10,11, 1944, 16 spec taken by Whitney Exp. Seen Sep 2007, 7M9F 20,24,25,28,32, coll as <i>cantoroides</i> 1929,
73.	Metallic Starling	<i>Aplornis metallica nitida</i>	Res bre	C, M C, MC, 9 taken by Whitney, Colonies present 2001, 1,2,5,8,9,20, 5M4F coll 1929 AMNH, C and eggs coll Aug 1924, 24,25,32,33,

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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