

Pacific Avifauna: CHECKLISTS OF THE BIRDS OF FIJI, AMERICAN SAMOA, NIUE, SAMOA, TOKELAU, TONGA, TUVALU AND WALLIS & FUTUNA

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Key to checklist status symbols

- NX Extinct/extirpated native breeding species (historic times)
- IX Extirpated introduced species;
 - I Introduced breeding species
 - ? Current status uncertain or questionable/unverified record
- BL "Resident, native breeding land bird"
- BS Resident breeding seabird
- VL Vagrant Land bird (irregular visitor or arrival)
- VS Vagrant Seabird (irregular visitor to country's waters)
- VW Vagrant Shorebird (irregular visitor)
 - S Seabirds not known to breed but are regularly present throughout the year
- ML Migrant Land bird (of annual occurrence)
- MS Migrant Seabird (believed to be of annual occurrence)
- MW Migrant Shorebird (believed to be of annual occurrence)
- OW Wader known to overwinter

Fiji

Summary List of The Birds Of Fiji

Species Reported	162
Questionable/Unverified Records?	12
Confirmed Records	150
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	3
Introduced Extirpated	2
Resident Breeding Species	88
Native, land-wetland	57
Seabirds	20
Introduced	11
Seabirds	22
Breeding	20
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	2
Migrants/Vagrants	55
Shorebirds	21
Seabirds	28
Land & Wetland Birds	6

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF FIJI

Species Number refers to Species Account Number in A Guide to the Birds of Fiji & Western Polynesia. Checklist last updated: 1 January 2001

Species Number	Species	Status
95	Wandering Albatross	VS
96	Black-browed Albatross	VS
173	Royal Albatross	?
97	Southern Giant Petrel	VS
98	Cape Petrel	MS
99	Fiji Petrel	BS
100	Tahiti Petrel	BS
177	Blue Petrel	?
101	Phoenix Petrel	VS
174	Juan Fernandez Petrel	?
102	White-naped Petrel	MS
103	Herald Petrel	VS
105	Mottled Petrel	MS
106	Grey-faced Petrel	VS
107	Black-winged Petrel	BS?

175	Gould's Petrel	?
108	Collared Petrel	BS
178	Bulwer's Petrel	?
109	Audubon's Shearwater	BS
111	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	BS
112	Short-tailed Shearwater	MS
113	Christmas Shearwater	VS
114	Buller's Shearwater	VS
115	Sooty Shearwater	MS
116	Wilson's Storm-petrel	MS
117	Polynesian Storm-petrel	BS
118	White-faced Storm-petrel	VS
119	Black-bellied Storm-petrel	VS
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	VS
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	BS
182	Red-billed Tropicbird	?
122	Australian Pelican	VS
123	Masked Booby	BS
124	Brown Booby	BS
125	Red-footed Booby	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	S
127	Lesser Frigatebird	BS
1	Eastern Reef Heron	BL
2	White-faced Heron	BL;V?
3	Great White Egret	VL
4	Mangrove Heron	BL
5	Glossy Ibis	VL
6	Pacific Black Duck	BL
7	Mallard	VL
9	Wandering Whistling-duck	BLX
11	Jungle Fowl	I
12	Brown Quail	I
13	Wild Turkey	I
14	Fiji Goshawk	BL
15	Pacific Harrier	BL
16	Peregrine Falcon	BL
17	Barred-wing Rail	BLX
18	Banded Rail	BL
19	White-browed Crake	BL
20	Spotless Crake	BL
21	Purple Swamphen	BL
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW;OW
149	Grey Plover	VW
150	Lesser Sandplover	MW;OW
151	Oriental Plover	VW
152	Double-banded Plover	MW

187	Ringed Plover	?
154	Masked Lapwing	VW
155	Whimbrel	MW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	MW
157	Far Eastern Curlew	MW;OW
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	MW
160	Hudsonian Godwit	VW
188	Black-tailed Godwit	?
161	Wandering Tattler	MW;OW
162	Siberian Tattler	VW
163	Terek Sandpiper	MW;OW
164	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	MW
165	Pectoral Sandpiper	VW
166	Common Sandpiper	VW
169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW;OW
170	Sanderling	MW
171	Rufous-necked Stint	VW
172	Red Knot	VW
190	Great Knot	?
128	Pomarine Skua	VS
129	Arctic Skua	VS
130	Long-tailed Skua	VS
131	South Polar Skua	VS
132	Crested Tern	BS
133	Black-naped Tern	BS
134	Sooty Tern	BS
135	Grey-backed Tern	S
136	Bridled Tern	BS
137	Common Tern	VS
191	Roseate Tern	?
138	Little Tern	VS
192	White-fronted Tern	?
139	Fairy Tern	VS
140	Blue Noddy	BS
142	Brown Noddy	BS
143	Black Noddy	BS
144	White Tern	BS
145	Laughing Gull	VS
146	Silver Gull	VS
23	Feral Pigeon	I
24	White-throated Pigeon	BL
25	Spotted Dove	I
26	Friendly Ground-dove	BL
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL
28	Barking Pigeon	BL
30	Many-coloured Fruit-dove	BL

31	Crimson-crowned Fruit-dove	BL
32	Golden Dove	BL
33	Orange Dove	BL
34	Whistling Dove	BL
35	Collared Lory	BL
36	Red-throated Lorikeet	BL
37	Blue-crowned Lory	BL
38	Masked Shining Parrot	BL
39	Red Shining Parrot	BL
40	Kadavu Shining Parrot	BL
41	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	BL
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML
43	Barn Owl	BL
44	Grass Owl	BLX
45	Tawny Frogmouth	IX
46	White-rumped Swiftlet	BL
47	White-throated Needletail	VL
194	Moustached Tree Swift	?
48	White-collared Kingfisher	BL
50	Pacific Swallow	BL
51	Australian Magpie	I
52	Fiji Woodswallow	BL
53	Polynesian Starling	BL
55	European Starling	I
56	Common Mynah	I
57	Jungle Mynah	I
58	Red-vented Bulbul	I
59	Island Thrush	BL
60	Fiji Bush-warbler	BL
61	Long-legged Warbler	BL
62	Scarlet Robin	BL
63	Silktail	BL
64	Streaked Fantail	BL
65	Kadavu Fantail	BL
67	Slaty Monarch	BL
68	Ogea Monarch	BL
69	Lesser Shrikebill	BL
70	Black-faced Shrikebill	BL
71	Vanikoro Broadbill	BL
72	Blue-crested Broadbill	BL
74	Golden Whistler	BL
77	Polynesian Triller	BL
79	Fiji White-eye	BL
80	Silvereye	BL
82	Fiji Parrotfinch	BL
84	Pink-billed Parrotfinch	BL

85	Red Avadavat	I
86	Java Sparrow	I
87	House Sparrow	VL
195	Pardalote	?
88	Orange-breasted Myzomela	BL
90	Rotuma Myzomela	BL
91	Wattled Honeyeater	BL
92	Kadavu Honeyeater	BL
93	Giant Forest Honeyeater	BL

Samoa & American Samoa

Summary List of the birds of Samoa & American Samoa

	Samoa	American Samoa
Species Reported	89	72
Questionable/Unverified Records?	8	8
Confirmed Records	81	64
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	1	1
Introduced Extirpated	0	0
Resident Breeding Species	45	42
Native, land-wetland	30	18
Seabirds	10	19
Introduced	5	5
Seabirds	15	19
Breeding	10	19
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	5	0
Migrants/Vagrants	30	21
Shorebirds	16	7
Seabirds	12	12
Land & Wetland Birds	2	2

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF SAMOA AND AMERICAN SAMOA

Species Number refers to Species Account Number in A Guide to the Birds of Fiji & Western Polynesia. Checklist last updated: 1 January 2001

Species Number	Species	Samoa	American Samoa
100	Tahiti Petrel		BS
102	White-naped Petrel	?	MS
103	Herald Petrel		BS
105	Mottled Petrel	MS	VS
108	Collared Petrel	?	BS
177	Blue Petrel	?	
109	Audubon's Shearwater	BS	BS
110	Newell's Shearwater	VS	VS
111	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	BS	VS
112	Short-tailed Shearwater	MS	MS
113	Christmas Shearwater		BS?
115	Sooty Shearwater		MS
179	Flesh-footed Shearwater	?	VS
117	Polynesian Storm-petrel	BS?	BS

118	White-faced Storm-petrel		VS
119	Black-bellied Storm-petrel	VS	VS
181	White-bellied Storm-petrel	VS?	?
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	VS	BS
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	BS	BS
123	Masked Booby	S	BS
124	Brown Booby	BS	BS
125	Red-footed Booby	BS	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	S	BS
127	Lesser Frigatebird	VS	BS
1	Eastern Reef Heron	BL	BL
2	White-faced Heron		VL
183	Snowy Egret		?
184	Cattle Egret		?
185	Nankeen Night Heron		?
6	Pacific Black Duck	BL	BL
11	Junglefowl	I	I
16	Peregrine Falcon	VL	
18	Banded Rail	BL	BL
19	White-browed Crake	BL	?
20	Spotless Crake	BL	BL
21	Purple Swamphen	BL	BL
22	Samoaan Moorhen	BLX	?
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW;OW	MW/OW
149	Grey Plover	VW	
153	Semipalmated Plover	VW	
155	Whimbrel	MW:OW	VW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	MW	MW/OW
157	Far Eastern Curlew	VW	
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	MW	VW
161	Wandering Tattler	MW;OW	MW
165	Pectoral Sandpiper	VW	
166	Common Sandpiper	VW	
189	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	?	
167	Wood Sandpiper	VW	
168	Long-billed Dowitcher	VW	
169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW;OW	MW
170	Sanderling	VW	VW
171	Rufous-necked Stint	VW	
172	Red Knot	VW	
128	Pomarine Skua	VS	
131	South Polar Skua	VS	

132	Crested Tern	S	VS
133	Black-naped Tern	BS	VS
134	Sooty Tern	VS	BS
135	Grey-backed Tern	?	BS
136	Bridled Tern	BS	VS
137	Common Tern	VS	
138	Little Tern	VS	
139	Fairy Tern	S	
140	Blue Noddy	VS	BS
142	Brown Noddy	BS	BS
143	Black Noddy	S	BS
144	White Tern	BS	BS
145	Laughing Gull	VS	VS
23	Feral Pigeon	I	I(V)
24	White-throated Pigeon	BL	?
26	Friendly Ground-dove	BL	BL
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL	BL
29	Tooth-billed Pigeon	BL	
30	Many-coloured Fruit-dove	BL	BL
31	Crimson-crowned Fruit-dove	BL	BL
37	Blue-crowned Lory	BL	BL
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML	ML/OW
43	Barn Owl	BL	BL
46	White-rumped Swiftlet	BL	BL
48	White-collared Kingfisher		BL
49	Flat-billed Kingfisher	BL	
53	Polynesian Starling	BL	BL
54	Samoa Starling	BL	BL
56	Common Mynah	I	I
57	Jungle Mynah	I	I
58	Red-vented Bulbul	I	I
59	Island Thrush	BL	
62	Scarlet Robin	BL	
66	Samoa Fantail	BL	
69	Lesser Shrikebill		BL
73	Samoa Broadbill	BL	
76	Samoa Whistler	BL	
77	Polynesian Triller	BL	
78	Samoa Triller	BL	
81	Samoa White-eye	BL	
83	Samoa Parrotfinch	BL	
89	Cardinal Myzomela	BL	BL

91	Wattled Honeyeater	BL	BL
94	Mao	BL	X

Tonga

Summary List of The Birds Of Tonga

Species Reported	79
Questionable/Unverified Records?	5
Confirmed Records	74
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	0
Introduced Extirpated	0
Resident Breeding Species	51
Native, land-wetland	22
Seabirds	23
Introduced	6
Seabirds	24
Breeding	23
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	1
Migrants/Vagrants	22
Shorebirds	6
Seabirds	13
Land & Wetland Birds	3

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Species Number	Species	Status
95	Wandering Albatross	VS
97	Southern Giant Petrel	VS
98	Cape Petrel	MS
100	Tahiti Petrel	S
101	Phoenix Petrel	VS
102	White-naped Petrel	MS
103	Herald Petrel	BS
104	Kermadec Petrel	BS
105	Mottled Petrel	MS
107	Black-winged Petrel	BS
108	Collared Petrel	VS
175	Gould's Petrel	?
176	Stejneger's Petrel	?
109	Audubon's Shearwater	BS
111	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	BS
112	Short-tailed Shearwater	MS
114	Buller's Shearwater	VS

115	Sooty Shearwater	MS
116	Wilson's Storm-petrel	?
117	Polynesian Storm-petrel	BS?
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	BS
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	BS
123	Masked Booby	BS
124	Brown Booby	BS
125	Red-footed Booby	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	BS
127	Lesser Frigatebird	BS
1	Eastern Reef Heron	BL
2	White-faced Heron	BL
4	Mangrove Heron	VL
6	Pacific Black Duck	BL
8	Northern Pintail	VL
10	Tongan Megapode	BL
11	Junglefowl	I
15	Pacific Harrier	BL
18	Banded Rail	BL
20	Spotless Crake	BL
21	Purple Swamphen	BL
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW;OW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	MW
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	MW
161	Wandering Tattler	MW;OW
164	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	?
169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW;OW
170	Sanderling	MW
128	Pomarine Skua	VS
129	Arctic Skua	VS
131	South Polar Skua	VS
132	Crested Tern	BS
133	Black-naped Tern	BS
134	Sooty Tern	BS
135	Grey-backed Tern	BS
136	Bridled Tern	BS
191	Roseate Tern	?
140	Blue Noddy	BS?
141	Grey Noddy	BS
142	Brown Noddy	BS
143	Black Noddy	BS
144	White Tern	BS
23	Feral Pigeon	I
26	Friendly Ground-dove	BL
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL
30	Many-coloured Fruit-dove	BL

31	Crimson-crowned Fruit-dove	BL
37	Blue-crowned Lory	BL
39	Red Shining Parrot	I
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML
43	Barn Owl	BL
46	White-rumped Swiftlet	BL
48	White-collared Kingfisher	BL
50	Pacific Swallow	BL
53	Polynesian Starling	BL
55	European Starling	I
57	Jungle Mynah	I
58	Red-vented Bulbul	I
69	Lesser Shrikebill	BL
75	Tongan Whistler	BL
77	Polynesian Triller	BL
91	Wattled Honeyeater	BL

Niue

Summary List of The Birds Of Niue

Species Reported	31
Questionable/Unverified Records?	2
Confirmed Records	29
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	0
Introduced Extirpated	0
Resident Breeding Species	15
Native, land-wetland	10
Seabirds	4
Introduced	1
Seabirds	4
Breeding	4
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	0
Migrants/Vagrants	14
Shorebirds	8
Seabirds	3
Land & Wetland Birds	3

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF NIUE

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Species Number	Species	Niue
97	Southern Giant Petrel	VS
111	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	BS
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	?
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	VS
1	Eastern Reef Heron	VL
2	White-faced Heron	VL
11	Junglefowl	I
18	Banded Rail	BL
20	Spotless Crake	BL
21	Purple Swamphen	BL
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	VW
158	Eurasian Curlew	VW
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	VW
161	Wandering Tattler	MW
164	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	?

165	Pectoral Sandpiper	VW
169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW
170	Sanderling	MW
142	Brown Noddy	BS
144	White Tern	BS
147	Southern Black-backed Gull	VS
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL
31	Crimson-crowned Fruit-dove	BL
37	Blue-crowned Lory	BL
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML
43	Barn Owl	BL
46	White-rumped Swiftlet	BL
53	Polynesian Starling	BL
77	Polynesian Triller	BL

Tokelau

Summary List of The Birds Of Tokelau

Species Reported	30
Questionable/Unverified Records?	1
Confirmed Records	29
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	0
Introduced Extirpated	1
Resident Breeding Species	14
Native, land-wetland	2
Seabirds	11
Introduced	1
Seabirds	13
Breeding	11
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	2
Migrants/Vagrants	12
Shorebirds	7
Seabirds	4
Land & Wetland Birds	1

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF TOKELAU

Species Number refers to Species Account Number in A Guide to the Birds of Fiji & Western Polynesia. Checklist last updated: 1 January 2001

Species Number	Species	Status
97	(Southern Giant Petrel)	VS
111	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	VS
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	BS
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	S
123	Masked Booby	VS
124	Brown Booby	BS
125	Red-footed Booby	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	BS
127	Lesser Frigatebird	BS
1	Eastern Reef Heron	BL
6	Pacific Black Duck	?
11	Junglefowl	I
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW
155	Whimbrel	VW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	MW
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	MW
161	Wandering Tattler	MW

169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW
170	Sanderling	MW
132	Crested Tern	S
133	Black-naped Tern	BS
134	Sooty Tern	BS
135	Grey-backed Tern	BS
140	Blue Noddy	VS
142	Brown Noddy	BS
143	Black Noddy	BS
144	White Tern	BS
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL
193	Australian Masked-owl	IX
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML

Tuvalu

Summary List of The Birds Of Tuvalu

Species Reported	40
Questionable/Unverified Records?	5
Confirmed Records	35
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	0
Introduced Extirpated	0
Resident Breeding Species	13
Native, land-wetland	3
Seabirds	9
Introduced	1
Seabirds	12
Breeding	9
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	3
Migrants/Vagrants	19
Shorebirds	8
Seabirds	9
Land & Wetland Birds	2

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF TUVALU

Species Number refers to Species Account Number in A Guide to the Birds of Fiji & Western Polynesia. Checklist last updated: 1 January 2001

Species Number	Species	Status
101	Phoenix Petrel	VS
180	Little Shearwater	?
109	Audubon's Shearwater	VS
111	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	VS
113	Christmas Shearwater	VS
117	Polynesian Storm-petrel	VS?
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	VS
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	BS
123	Masked Booby	VS
124	Brown Booby	S
125	Red-footed Booby	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	S
127	Lesser Frigatebird	S
1	Eastern Reef Heron	BL
7	Mallard	VL
186	Northern Shoveler	?
11	Junglefowl	I

18	Banded Rail	BL
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW;OW
187	Ringed Plover	?
155	Whimbrel	VW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	MW;OW
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	MW
161	Wandering Tattler	MW
162	Siberian Tattler	VW
169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW;OW
170	Sanderling	VW
171	Rufous-necked Stint	?
132	Crested Tern	BS?
133	Black-naped Tern	BS
134	Sooty Tern	BS
135	Grey-backed Tern	VS
136	Bridled Tern	BS?
140	Blue Noddy	VS
142	Brown Noddy	BS
143	Black Noddy	BS
144	White Tern	BS
26	Friendly Ground-dove	?
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML

Wallis and Futuna

Summary List of The Birds Of Wallis & Futuna

Species Reported	37
Questionable/Unverified Records?	0
Confirmed Records	37
Native Extinct or Extirpated (historic times)	0
Introduced Extirpated	0
Resident Breeding Species	27
Native, land-wetland	15
Seabirds	10
Introduced	2
Seabirds	10
Breeding	10
Non-breeding but otherwise resident	0
Migrants/Vagrants	10
Shorebirds	6
Seabirds	2
Land & Wetland Birds	2

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF WALLIS & FUTUNA

Species Number refers to Species Account Number in A Guide to the Birds of Fiji & Western Polynesia. Checklist last updated: 1 January 2001

Species Number	Species	Status
120	Red-tailed Tropicbird	BS
121	White-tailed Tropicbird	BS
124	Brown Booby	BS
125	Red-footed Booby	BS
126	Great Frigatebird	VS
127	Lesser Frigatebird	BS?
1	Eastern Reef Heron	BL
6	Pacific Black Duck	BL
15	Pacific Harrier	VL
18	Banded Rail	BL
21	Purple Swamphen	BL
148	Pacific Golden Plover	MW
155	Whimbrel	MW
156	Bristle-thighed Curlew	MW
159	Bar-tailed Godwit	MW
161	Wandering Tattler	MW

169	Ruddy Turnstone	MW
132	Crested Tern	VS
133	Black-naped Tern	BS
136	Bridled Tern	BS
142	Brown Noddy	BS
143	Black Noddy	BS
144	White Tern	BS
23	Feral Pigeon	I
26	*Friendly Ground-dove	BL
27	Pacific Pigeon	BL
31	Crimson-crowned Fruit-dove	BL
37	Blue-crowned Lory	BL
42	Long-tailed Cuckoo	ML
43	Barn Owl	BL
46	White-rumped Swiftlet	BL
48	White-collared Kingfisher	BL
53	Polynesian Starling	BL
56	Common Mynah	I?
69	Lesser Shrikebill	BL
77	Polynesian Triller	BL
91	Wattled Honeyeater	BL