

# Mota Lava Island Bird Checklist

## Banks Group, Vanuatu

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	Obs between 2002 & 2006,	1,
2.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,
3.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Gallirallus philippensis</i>	Res	Obs since 2002,	1,
4.	Vanuatu Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius layardi</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
5.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
6.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
7.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa japonica</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2002 & 2007,	1,
8.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incanus</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
9.	Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
10.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
11.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,
12.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Res bre	Obs between 2002 & 2006,	1,
13.	White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis</i>	Res bre?	Obs between 2000 & 2006,	1,
14.	Pacific Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula pacifica</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
15.	Red-bellied Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus greyi</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
16.	Tanna Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus tannensis</i>	End Vanu	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
17.	Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus massena</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
18.	Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta uropygialis</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
19.	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2002 & 2006,	1,
20.	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica subfusca</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
21.	Long-tailed Triller	<i>Lalage leucopyga</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
22.	Southern Shrikebill	<i>Clytorhynchus pacycephaloides griseus</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,3,
23.	Melanesian Flycatcher	<i>Myiagra caledonica melanura</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,
24.	Grey Fantail	<i>Rhipidura fuliginosa albiscapa brenchleyi</i>	Res bre	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,2,
25.	Cardinal Myzomela	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i>	Res	Obs between 2002 & 2006,	1,
26.	Silvereye	<i>Zosterops lateralis</i>	Res	Obs. between 2000 & 2006,	1,

### 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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