



Checklist of the Birds of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Christmas Island Emerald Dove feathers

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This checklist covers Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the tropical eastern Indian Ocean and their surrounding seas. Christmas Island lies 290 km south of Java (Indonesia) and 1,400 km north-west of Western Australia. It is a small uplifted volcanic island (137 km² in area) and is administered by Western Australia as an External Territory of Australia. The Cocos (Keeling) Islands lie 970 km west of Christmas Island and 2,100 km north-west of Western Australia. They comprise two low-lying atolls, a large southern atoll (Cocos) consisting of about 26 islands around a horseshoe-shaped lagoon and a smaller North Keeling Island lying 25 km to the north. They cover a land area of about 14 km² and are also administered by Western Australia as an External Territory of Australia.

The main aim of this work is to provide an up-to-date checklist of the birds of this region to include the large number of additional species that have been recorded on these islands since the publication of the Annotated Checklists of Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands in 2004 (Johnstone and Darnell Appendix A and B in: *Handbook of Western Australian Birds* Volume II) and the more recent review of the birds of Christmas Island (James and McAllan 2014 *Australian Field Ornithology* Suppl. 31).

Criterion for inclusion of a species or subspecies on the list is, in most cases, supported by tangible evidence i.e. a museum specimen, an archived or published photograph or detailed description or video recording.

The advent of molecular investigation into avian taxonomy has required, and still requires, extensive and ongoing revision at all levels – family, generic and specific. This “Checklist of the Birds of Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands” is a collation of the most recent information/research emanating from such studies, together with the inclusion of newly recorded species.

Due to the publication of research at differing intervals and the fact that these authors may hold varying opinions, delays of incorporating this new data into checklists will also vary. Where considered appropriate, these latest research findings have been included as has some pre-published material in order to make this checklist as up to date as possible.

From these comments it can be seen that avian taxonomy is a “work in progress” and that it is currently some way from having a definitive world list although the International Ornithologists’ Union has formed a working group on avian checklists based on the current International Ornithological Committee (IOC) checklist. Overall, departures from the prime reference material in both global and regional lists (as above) have been minimised. Subject to the general consensus/opinion of other authors, the IOC comments have been accepted relating to the higher taxonomic levels and taxonomic status beyond Australia, but not where the Western Australian Museum collection material, distributional data base etc. shows otherwise.

Changes should only come when there is certainty and consensus and the Western Australian Museum’s objective is to maintain the status quo until claimed revisions have been thoroughly analysed and accepted.

Amendments to the previous checklists have been carried out with reference to both global and regional publications/checklists. The prime reference material for global coverage has been the International Ornithological Committee (IOC) World Bird List, *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World*, the *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* Volumes 1 and 2 (Lynx Edicions, Barcelona), *A Checklist of the Birds of Britain*, 8th edition, the Checklist of North American Birds and, for regional coverage, *Zoological Catalogue of Australia* volume 37.2 (Columbidae to Coraciidae), *The Directory of Australian Birds*, Passerines, the Working List of Australian Birds (Birdlife Australia) and the Checklist of the Birds of Western Australia (Western Australian Museum).

Increased public interest in ornithology combined with improved identification knowledge, the increasing number of “bird watchers” having high-technology photographic equipment, and more extensive field excursions (to these remote islands) all have contributed here. Whether all of these newly recorded species are

in fact migratory “strays” which have been missed earlier, or whether other factors such as habitat destruction (along migratory routes) or climatic change is involved is of course unknown.

In the table below, the ecological status for each species is given i.e. whether a resident or a breeding or non-breeding visitor, endemic, introduced, whether the species is migratory, or a passage migrant (i.e. Palaearctic species that breed in Northern Hemisphere and migrate annually to winter in Southern Hemisphere, especially Australia), or vagrant. For some vagrants and rare visitors, records are individually cited. A comment is also given for each species on its relative abundance i.e. is it very common, common, moderately common, uncommon, scarce or rare. The status of some species has changed dramatically in the past decade. For example, the White-breasted Waterhen was first recorded on Christmas Island in 1993, bred successfully, but the population then declined and is now an uncommon resident. It was first recorded on Cocos (Keeling) Islands in 2004 (probably from Christmas Island) and is now a common resident with a population of ca. 2,000. Abbreviations for the Abundance/Status comments are outlined in the table below. The aim of this checklist is to summarise all available data on systematics and taxonomy, provide brief explanations for changes, incorporate new higher-level classifications and recent new generic, specific and subspecific changes. Where necessary, reasons for departing from the current above-named checklists (IOC, Birds Australia etc.) are also given. Where there is doubt on the identification of a subspecies it is included in [] square brackets. A brief footnote is also given on the taxonomic status of many species and subspecies recorded from these islands based on specimens or photographs, but in many cases the subspecific identity of many visitors is unknown.

As expected, most migrants are of eastern Asian origin, but there has proven to be an element of records of species e.g. European Roller and Tree Pipit which are unknown from South-East Asia.

Over the past decade the regular bird reports of both resident and visiting naturalists to these islands have added a great deal to our knowledge of the avifauna. Special mention should be made of the trip reports of Richard Baxter and Mike Carter and the reports from Cocos (Keeling) by Geof Christie and Pam Jones.

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| Abundance/Status | Code |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Common breeding visitor | Bc |
| Rare breeding visitor | Bv |
| Uncommon breeding visitor | Bv |
| Endemic. Common resident | ERc |
| Introduced. Common resident | Ic |
| Introduced. Uncommon resident | Iu |
| Common passage migrant | PMc |
| Moderately common passage migrant | PMm |
| Rare passage migrant | PMr |
| Uncommon passage migrant | PMu |
| Common resident | Rc |
| Rare resident | Rr |
| Uncommon resident | Ru |
| Vagrant | V |
| Irregular visitor | Vi |
| Regular visitor | Vis |
| Rare/irregular visitor | Vr |
| Uncommon visitor | Vu |
| Extirpated | X |
| Status indeterminate | ? |
| ∅ Absent, no records | ∅ |

Abundance and Status comments with abbreviated Code

Class AVES

Order ANSERIFORMES

Family ANATIDAE Ducks, geese and swans

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|----|
| ¹ <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Cotton Pygmy Goose | Ø | V |
| ² <i>Spatula querquedula</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Garganey | V | Ø |
| ³ <i>Anas superciliosa</i> Gmelin, JF, 1789..... | Pacific Black Duck | Ø | Bc |
| ⁴ <i>Anas acuta</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Northern Pintail | Ø | V |
| <i>Anas crecca</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Eurasian Teal | Ø | V |
| <i>Anas gibberifrons</i> Müller, 1842..... | Sunda Teal | V | Ø |
| <i>Anas gracilis</i> Buller, 1869..... | Grey Teal | Ø | V |
| <i>Aythya australis</i> (Eyton, 1838)..... | Hardhead | V | V |

Order GALLIFORMES

Family NUMIDIDAE Guineafowl

| | | | |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| ⁵ <i>Numida meleagris</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Helmeted Guineafowl | Ø | X |
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Family PHASIANIDAE Pheasants

| | | | |
|---|------------------|----|----|
| <i>Gallus varius</i> (Shaw, 1798)..... | Green Junglefowl | Ø | Ic |
| ⁶ <i>Gallus gallus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Red Junglefowl | Iu | Iu |

Order CAPRIMULGIFORMES

Family CAPRIMULGIDAE Nightjars

| | | | |
|---|------------------|---|---|
| ⁷ <i>Caprimulgus jotaka</i> Temminck and Schlegel, 1847..... | Grey Nightjar | V | Ø |
| ⁸ <i>Caprimulgus affinis</i> Horsfield, 1821..... | Savanna Nightjar | V | Ø |

Order APODIFORMES

Family APODIDAE Swifts

| | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| ⁹ <i>Collocalia natalis</i> Lister, 1889..... | Christmas Island Swiftlet | ERc | Ø |
| ¹⁰ <i>Aerodramus</i> spp. | <i>Aerodramus</i> "Nest swiftlets" | Vi | Vi |
| ¹¹ <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> (Latham, 1801)..... | White-throated Needletail | V | V |
| ¹² <i>Hirundapus cochinchinensis</i> (Oustalet, 1878)..... | Silver-backed Needletail | Ø | V |
| ¹³ <i>Hirundapus</i> spp. | Needletail | V | Ø |
| ¹⁴ <i>Apus apus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Common Swift | V | Ø |

¹ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

² Previously placed in the genus *Anas*.

³ Breeding population now well established; up to 70 birds recorded.

⁴ Two birds recorded 2016-17.

⁵ Domestic strain introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Is., but now extirpated.

⁶ Domestic strains on both islands. On Christmas I., wild populations show characteristics of ancestral Red Junglefowl stock.

⁷ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

⁸ Subspecies not determined.

⁹ Sometimes treated as a subspecies of *C. esculenta*.

¹⁰ Regular reports of *Aerodramus* spp. from both Christmas I. and Cocos (Keeling) Is., but no specimens available. Field identification for this group is problematic and possibly includes Himalayan Swiftlet, Mossy-nest Swiftlet, Black-nest Swiftlet and Edible-nest Swiftlet with the probable occurrence of at least two of these species.

¹¹ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

¹² Identified from photographs - 1 February 2018.

¹³ Unconfirmed sightings of *Hirundapus* spp. could be attributed to either Silver-backed Needletail *H. cochinchinensis* or Brown-backed Needletail *H. giganteus*.

¹⁴ Most likely ssp. *pekinensis*.

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|--|----|---|
| ¹⁵ <i>Apus pacificus</i> (Latham, 1801).....Pacific Swift (Fork-tailed Swift) | | |
| ¹⁶ <i>Apus pacificus pacificus</i> (Latham, 1801)..... | Vr | V |
| ¹⁷ <i>Apus nipalensis</i> Hodgson, 1837.....House Swift | V | V |

Order CUCULIFORMES

Family CUCULIDAE Cuckoos

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| ¹⁸ <i>Clamator coromandus</i> (Linnaeus, 1766).....Chestnut-winged Cuckoo | Ø | V |
| ¹⁹ <i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758).....Asian Koel (Western Koel) | Vis | V |
| <i>Chrysococcyx basalis</i> (Horsfield, 1821).....Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo | V | Ø |
| ²⁰ <i>Heteroscenes pallidus</i> (Latham, 1802).....Pallid Cuckoo | V | V |
| ²¹ <i>Surniculus lugubris</i> (Horsfield, 1821).....Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo | ? | V |
| <i>Hierococcyx sparveroides</i> (Vigors, 1832).....Large Hawk-Cuckoo | V | Vu |
| <i>Hierococcyx nasicolor</i> (Blyth, 1843).....Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo | Ø | V |
| ²² <i>Cuculus micropterus</i> Gould, 1838.....Indian Cuckoo | Ø | V |
| ²³ <i>Cuculus saturatus</i> Blyth, 1843.....Oriental Cuckoo | Vu | Vr |

Order COLUMBIFORMES

Family COLUMBIDAE Pigeons and doves

| | | |
|--|-----|---|
| ²⁴ <i>Columba livia</i> Gmelin, JF, 1789.....Domestic Pigeon (Rock Dove) | V | V |
| <i>Streptopelia orientalis</i> (Latham, 1790).....Oriental Turtle Dove | | |
| <i>Streptopelia orientalis meena</i> (Sykes, 1832)..... | Ø | V |
| ²⁵ <i>Streptopelia [decaocto]</i> (Fridvaldszky, 1838).....Eurasian Collared Dove | V | Ø |
| <i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i> (Hermann, 1804).....Red Collared Dove | | |
| <i>Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis</i> (Temminck, 1824)..... | V | V |
| <i>Chalcophaps indica</i> (Linnaeus, 1758).....Emerald Dove | | |
| ²⁶ <i>Chalcophaps indica natalis</i> Lister, 1888..... | ERc | X |
| ²⁷ <i>[Calaenas] [nicobarica]</i> (Linnaeus, 1758).....Nicobar Pigeon | V | Ø |
| ²⁸ <i>Ducula rosacea</i> (Temminck, 1836).....Pink-headed Imperial Pigeon | Ø | X |
| ²⁹ <i>Ducula whartoni</i> (Sharpe, 1887).....Christmas Island Imperial Pigeon | ERc | X |
| <i>Ducula bicolor</i> (Scopoli, 1786).....Pied Imperial Pigeon | V | Ø |

¹⁵ *A. pacificus* has recently been split into a number of taxa.

¹⁶ Some observations could be attributed to related taxa.

¹⁷ Currently expanding its range in Lesser Sundas, Indonesia (Johnstone *et al.* 2014). Sometimes treated as conspecific with the Little Swift *Apus affinis*. Subspecies not determined.

¹⁸ Identified from photographs – December 2018.

¹⁹ Subspecies not determined, most likely *chinensis*, but *malayanus* may occur. (James and McAllan 2014, *Aust Field Ornith. Supp.* **31**: 116–117).

²⁰ Formerly in genus *Cacomantis*.

²¹ Unconfirmed report for Christmas I. 2001; one positive record for Cocos (Keeling) Islands 2016.

²² Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

²³ The Himalayan Cuckoo *C. s. saturatus* and Horsfield's Cuckoo *C. s. optatus* are herein combined within the vernacular Oriental Cuckoo; both ssp. are likely to occur. Contra to the discussion by James and McAllan 2014, *Aust Field Ornith. Supp.* **31**: 117–118, the only two specimens measured from Cocos are referable to *C. s. optatus*.

²⁴ All records attributed to domesticated strains.

²⁵ Unconfirmed sighting 1993; probably ship assisted.

²⁶ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1890–1895, but now extirpated.

²⁷ Possible sighting listed by Chasen 1933.

²⁸ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands ca. 1890, but now extirpated.

²⁹ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands ca. 1890, last known record in 1906.

Order GRUIFORMES

Family RALLIDAE Rails, crakes, waterhens and coots

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----|----|
| <i>Crex crex</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Corncrake (Corn Crake) | V | V |
| ³⁰ <i>Lewinia striata</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | Slaty-breasted Rail | Ø | V |
| ³¹ <i>Hypotaenidia philippensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | Buff-banded Rail | | |
| ³² <i>Hypotaenidia philippensis andrewsi</i> (Mathews, 1911)..... | Cocos Buff-banded Rail | Ø | Rc |
| ³³ <i>Tribonyx ventralis</i> (Gould, 1837)..... | Black-tailed Nativehen | V | Ø |
| ³⁴ <i>Paragallinula angulata</i> (Sundevall, 1850) | Lesser Moorhen | Ø | V |
| <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Common Moorhen | | |
| ³⁵ <i>Gallinula chloropus chloropus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | | Ø | V |
| ³⁶ <i>Fulica atra</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Eurasian Coot | V | Ø |
| ³⁷ <i>Zapornia fusca</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | Ruddy-breasted Crake | V | V |
| ³⁸ <i>Zapornia pusilla</i> (Pallas, 1776)..... | Baillon's Crake | | |
| ³⁹ <i>Zapornia pusilla pusilla</i> (Pallas, 1776) | | V | V |
| <i>Gallicrex cinerea</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Watercock | V | Vu |
| <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> (Pennant, 1769)..... | White-breasted Waterhen | | |
| ⁴⁰ <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus</i> (Pennant, 1769)..... | | Ru | Rc |

Order PHOENICOPTERIFORMES

Family PHOENICOPTERIDAE Flamingos

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| <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i> Pallas, 1811 | Greater Flamingo | Ø | V |
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Order CHARADRIIFORMES

Family HAEMATOPODIDAE Oystercatchers

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|--|---------------------|---|---|
| <i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i> Gould, 1845..... | Sooty Oystercatcher | | |
| <i>Haematopus fuliginosus ophthalmicus</i> Castelnau and Ramsay, 1877..... | | V | Ø |

Family RECURVIROSTRIDAE Stilts and avocets

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|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Black-winged Stilt | | |
| ⁴¹ <i>Himantopus himantopus leucocephalus</i> Gould, 1837..... | Pied Stilt (White-headed Stilt) | V | V |

Family CHARADRIIDAE Plovers, dotterels and lapwings

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|--|------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| <i>Vanellus cinereus</i> (Blyth, 1842) | Grey-headed Lapwing | Ø | V |
| <i>Vanellus miles</i> (Boddaert, 1783) | Masked Lapwing | V | V |
| <i>Pluvialis fulva</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) | Pacific Golden Plover | Vis | Vis |
| <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Grey Plover (Black-bellied Plover) | | |
| ⁴² <i>Pluvialis squatarola squatarola</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | | V | Vu |

³⁰ Subspecies unknown. Sometimes placed in the genus *Gallirallus*.

³¹ Formerly placed in the genus *Gallirallus*.

³² Thirty nine birds translocated from Pulu Keeling to Horsburgh I. in April 2013.

³³ Sometimes placed in the genus *Gallinula*.

³⁴ Formerly placed in the genus *Gallinula*.

³⁵ No specimens available, but photographs suggest the nominate ssp.

³⁶ Subspecies unknown.

³⁷ Formerly placed in the genus *Porzana*. Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate ssp.

³⁸ Sometimes placed in the genus *Porzana*.

³⁹ No specimens available, but photographs suggest the nominate ssp.

⁴⁰ First recorded on Christmas I. in 1993; bred successfully to become Common, but subsequently numbers dwindled to now Uncommon resident. First recorded on Cocos I. in 2004, now a Common resident. Estimated population ca. 2,000 birds.

⁴¹ Sometimes treated as a full species *H. leucocephalus*. However, the evidence for treating the Black-winged Stilt complex as anything but a single species is hard to justify.

⁴² Some observations may be attributed to *P. s. tomkovichii*.

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| ⁴³ <i>Charadrius dubius</i> Scopoli, 1786..... | Little Ringed Plover | V | V |
| ⁴⁴ <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Kentish Plover | V | Ø |
| <i>Charadrius ruficapillus</i> Temminck, 1821 | Red-capped Plover (Red-capped Dotterel) | V | V |
| ⁴⁵ <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> Pallas, 1776 | Lesser Sand Plover. | V | Vu |
| ⁴⁶ <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> Lesson, 1826 | Greater Sand Plover | V | Vis |
| <i>Charadrius veredus</i> Gould, 1848 | Oriental Plover | Vi | Vi |
| <i>Elsyornis melanops</i> (Vieillot, 1818)..... | Black-fronted Dotterel | V | Ø |
| Family SCOLOPACIDAE Sandpipers and snipes | | | |
| ⁴⁷ <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Eurasian Whimbrel | V | Vis |
| <i>Numenius minutus</i> Gould, 1841 | Little Curlew | V | V |
| ⁴⁸ <i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | Far Eastern Curlew | V | V |
| ⁴⁹ <i>Numenius arquata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Eurasian Curlew | Ø | V |
| <i>Limosa lapponica</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Bar-tailed Godwit | | |
| ⁵⁰ <i>Limosa lapponica menzbieri</i> Portenko, 1936 | | V | Vu |
| ⁵¹ <i>Limosa limosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Black-tailed Godwit | Ø | V |
| <i>Arenaria interpres</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Ruddy Turnstone | | |
| <i>Arenaria interpres interpres</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | | Vi | Vis |
| <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i> (Horsfield, 1821) | Great Knot | V | V |
| ⁵² <i>Calidris canutus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Red Knot | V | V |
| ⁵³ <i>Calidris falcinellus</i> (Pontoppidan, 1763)..... | Broad-billed Sandpiper | Ø | V |
| <i>Calidris acuminata</i> (Horsfield, 1821) | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper | V | V |
| <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> (Pontoppidan, 1763) | Curlew Sandpiper | V | Vu |
| <i>Calidris subminuta</i> (Middendorff, 1853)..... | Long-toed Stint | V | V |
| <i>Calidris ruficollis</i> (Pallas, 1776) | Red-necked Stint | V | Vis |
| ⁵⁴ <i>Calidris alba</i> (Pallas, 1764) | Sanderling | V | V |
| ⁵⁵ <i>Calidris minuta</i> (Leisler, 1812)..... | Little Stint | Ø | V |
| <i>Calidris melanotos</i> (Vieillot, 1819)..... | Pectoral Sandpiper | V | Ø |
| ⁵⁶ <i>Gallinago stenura</i> (Bonaparte, 1830) | Pin-tailed Snipe | V | Vu |
| ⁵⁷ <i>Gallinago megala</i> Swinhoe, 1861 | Swinhoe's Snipe | V | Ø |
| <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Red-necked Phalarope | V | V |
| <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Red Phalarope | V | Ø |
| ⁵⁸ <i>Xenus cinereus</i> (Güldenstädt, 1775) | Terek Sandpiper | V | Ø |
| ⁵⁹ <i>Tringa hypoleucos</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Common Sandpiper | Vr | Vis |
| <i>Tringa brevipes</i> (Vieillot, 1816) | Grey-tailed Tattler | V | V |

⁴³ Most likely ssp. *curonicus*.

⁴⁴ Subspecies not determined.

⁴⁵ Subspecies not determined

⁴⁶ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

⁴⁷ Subspecies not determined, most likely ssp. *variegatus*.

⁴⁸ The name Far Eastern Curlew is preferred to reduce confusion with the eastern race of the Eurasian Curlew *N. arquata orientalis*.

⁴⁹ Most likely ssp. *orientalis*.

⁵⁰ Subspecies *lapponica* and *bauerii* are likely to occur.

⁵¹ Subspecies not determined, most likely ssp. *melanuroides*.

⁵² Subspecies *piersmai* and *rogersi* are likely to occur.

⁵³ Formerly in the genus *Limicola*. Subspecies not determined, most likely ssp. *sibirica*.

⁵⁴ Most likely nominate ssp.

⁵⁵ Based on photographs.

⁵⁶ Cocos (Keeling) Is. ca. 10 birds observed in 2012.

⁵⁷ No positive observations accepted for Cocos (Keeling) Is.

⁵⁸ Often subsumed within *Tringa*. *Tringa terek* is a synonym. Non-breeding migrant.

⁵⁹ Sometimes placed in the genus *Actitis*.

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| ⁶⁰ <i>Tringa totanus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Common Redshank | V | Vr |
| <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> (Bechstein, 1803)..... | Marsh Sandpiper | V | V |
| <i>Tringa glareola</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Wood Sandpiper | V | V |
| <i>Tringa nebularia</i> (Gunnerus, 1767)..... | Common Greenshank | V | Vu |
| Family GLAREOLIDAE Pratincoles | | | |
| <i>Stiltia isabella</i> (Vieillot, 1816)..... | Australian Pratincole | V | Ø |
| <i>Glareola maldivarum</i> J.R. Forster, 1795..... | Oriental Pratincole | PMu | PMu |
| Family LARIDAE Gulls and terns | | | |
| <i>Anous stolidus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Common Noddy (Brown Noddy) | | |
| ⁶¹ <i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i> (Scopoli, 1786)..... | | Rc | Bc |
| ⁶² <i>Anous tenuirostris</i> (Temminck, 1823)..... | Lesser Noddy | V | Bv |
| <i>Gygis alba</i> (Sparrman, 1786)..... | White Tern (White Noddy) | | |
| <i>Gygis alba candida</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | | V | Rc |
| ⁶³ <i>Larus canus</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Common Gull (Mew Gull) | V | Ø |
| <i>Larus fuscus</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Lesser Black-backed Gull | | |
| <i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Baltic Gull | Ø | V |
| ⁶⁴ <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Gull-billed Tern | | |
| ⁶⁵ <i>Gelochelidon nilotica affinis</i> (Horsfield, 1821)..... | Asian Gull-billed Tern | V | V |
| ⁶⁶ <i>Gelochelidon macrotarsa</i> (Gould, 1837)..... | Australian Gull-billed Tern | Ø | V |
| ⁶⁷ <i>Thalasseus bergii</i> (Lichtenstein, MHK 1823)..... | Greater Crested Tern (Crested Tern) | | |
| ⁶⁸ <i>Thalasseus bergii christatus</i> (Stephens, 1826)..... | | V | V |
| ⁶⁹ <i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i> (Lesson, 1831)..... | Lesser Crested Tern | V | V |
| ⁷⁰ <i>Sternula albifrons</i> (Pallas, 1764)..... | Little Tern | | |
| <i>Sternula albifrons sinensis</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | White-shafted Little Tern | V | Ø |
| ⁷¹ <i>Sternula saundersi</i> (Hume, 1877) | Saunders's Tern | Ø | Vis |
| ⁷² <i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i> (Scopoli, 1786)..... | Bridled Tern | | |
| <i>Onychoprion anaethetus anaethetus</i> (Scopoli, 1786) | | V | V |
| ⁷³ <i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1766) | Sooty Tern | | |
| ⁷⁴ <i>Onychoprion fuscatus nubilosus</i> (Sparrman, 1788)..... | | Bv | Bv |
| ⁷⁵ <i>Sterna hirundo</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Common Tern | V | V |
| ⁷⁶ <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> (Pallas, 1811)..... | Whiskered Tern | V | V |
| ⁷⁷ <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> (Temminck, 1815) ... | White-winged Black Tern (White-winged Tern) | V | V |

⁶⁰ Subspecies not determined.

⁶¹ On Cocos (Keeling) Is. some birds remain throughout the year.

⁶² Subspecies not determined.

⁶³ Subspecies not determined, most likely *kamtschatschensis*.

⁶⁴ Often merged in the genus *Sterna*.

⁶⁵ Some observations may be attributed to *G. n. nilotica*.

⁶⁶ Identified from photographs.

⁶⁷ Sometimes placed in the genus *Sterna*.

⁶⁸ Single specimen from Christmas I. identified as ssp. *christatus*. Other observations concern immature birds not attributable to subspecies.

⁶⁹ Subspecies not determined, most likely ssp. *bengalensis*. Often subsumed within the genus *Sterna*.

⁷⁰ Previously placed in the genus *Sterna*.

⁷¹ Previously placed in the genus *Sterna*.

⁷² Previously placed in the genus *Sterna*.

⁷³ Previously placed in the genus *Sterna*.

⁷⁴ *O. f. serratus* synonymised with ssp. *nubilosus*.

⁷⁵ Subspecies not determined.

⁷⁶ Subspecies not determined. Sometimes placed in the genus *Sterna*.

⁷⁷ Sometimes placed in the genus *Sterna*.

Family STERCORARIIDAE Skuas

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| ⁷⁸ <i>Stercorarius antarcticus</i> (Lesson, 1831)..... | Brown Skua | V | Ø |
| <i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i> (Temminck, 1815)..... | Pomarine Skua (Pomarine Jaeger) | V | V |
| <i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger) | V | Ø |

Order PHAETHONTIFORMES

Family PHAETHONTIDAE Tropicbirds

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----|----|
| ⁷⁹ <i>Phaethon aethereus</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Red-billed Tropicbird | V | Ø |
| ⁸⁰ <i>Phaethon rubricauda</i> Boddaert, 1783..... | Red-tailed Tropicbird | Rc | Bv |
| ⁸¹ <i>Phaethon lepturus</i> Daudin, 1802..... | White-tailed Tropicbird | | |
| ⁸² <i>Phaethon lepturus lepturus</i> Daudin, 1802..... | | Rc | Bv |
| ⁸³ <i>Phaethon lepturus fulvus</i> von Brandt, 1838..... | Golden Bosunbird | ERc | Vi |

Order PROCELLARIIFORMES

Family OCEANITIDAE Austral Storm Petrels

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|
| ⁸⁴ <i>Pelagodroma marina</i> (Latham, 1790)..... | White-faced Storm Petrel | V | V |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|

Family DIOMEDEIDAE Albatrosses

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i> Gmelin, JF, 1789..... | Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross | | |
| ⁸⁵ <i>Thalassarche carteri</i> (Rothschild, 1903)..... | Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross | Ø | V |

Family HYDROBATIDAE Northern Storm Petrels

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|
| ⁸⁶ <i>Oceanodroma matsudariae</i> Kuroda, Nagamichi, 1922..... | Matsudaira's Storm Petrel | V | V |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|

Family PROCELLARIIDAE Petrels and shearwaters

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----|----|
| ⁸⁷ <i>Macronectes halli</i> Mathews, 1912..... | Northern Giant Petrel | Ø | V |
| <i>Pachyptila desolata</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Antarctic Prion | V | Ø |
| <i>Pterodroma heraldica</i> (Salvin, 1888)..... | Herald Petrel | V | V |
| <i>Pterodroma baraui</i> (Jouanin, 1964)..... | Barau's Petrel | V | V |
| ⁸⁸ <i>Ardenna pacifica</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Wedge-tailed Shearwater | Vr | Bv |
| ⁸⁹ <i>Puffinus bailloni</i> Bonaparte, 1857..... | Tropical Shearwater | V | V |
| <i>Puffinus assimilis</i> Gould, 1838..... | Little Shearwater | V | Ø |
| <i>Bulweria bulwerii</i> (Jardine and Selby, 1828)..... | Bulwer's Petrel | V | V |
| <i>Bulweria fallax</i> Jouanin, 1955..... | Jouanin's Petrel | Ø | V |

⁷⁸ Subspecies not determined. South Polar Skua *S. maccormicki* could also occur.

⁷⁹ Most likely ssp. *indicus* judging from photographs.

⁸⁰ Treated as monotypic with no subspecies recognised.

⁸¹ Christmas Island *P. l. fulvus* (an endemic ssp.) recently re-invaded by nominate *P. l. lepturus* birds. Christmas Island now comprises *P. l. fulvus*, *P. l. lepturus* and hybrid populations.

⁸² Common resident on Christmas I. interbreeding with *P. l. fulvus* - see above footnote.

⁸³ Common resident on Christmas I. interbreeding with *P. l. lepturus* - see above footnote.

⁸⁴ No specimens available, but ssp. probably *dulciae*. Sometimes placed in the genus *Oceanites*.

⁸⁵ Sometimes treated as a subspecies *T. chlororhynchos*, but genetic distance and differences in morphology between Atlantic and Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross are slight.

⁸⁶ Mostly listed as *O. matsudairae*, but Nagamichi Kuroda latinised Y. Matsudaira's Japanese name as *matsudariae* and this has not been validly emended.

⁸⁷ One confirmed record.

⁸⁸ Sometimes placed in the genus *Puffinus*.

⁸⁹ North Keeling I. 2009. Recorded on ground at night; ssp. unknown. Christmas Island October 2019.

Order SULIFORMES

Family FREGATIDAE Frigatebirds

| | | | |
|---|---|-----|----|
| <i>Fregata andrewsi</i> Mathews, 1914 | Christmas Island Frigatebird | ERc | V |
| <i>Fregata minor</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) | Greater Frigatebird (Great Frigatebird) | | |
| ⁹⁰ <i>Fregata minor minor</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) | | Ø | Rc |
| ⁹¹ <i>Fregata minor listeri</i> Mathews, 1914 | | Rc | Ø |
| <i>Fregata ariel</i> (G.R. Gray, 1845) | Lesser Frigatebird | | |
| <i>Fregata ariel ariel</i> (G.R. Gray, 1845) | | Ru | Rc |

Family SULIDAE Gannets and boobies

| | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|----|
| <i>Papasula abbotti</i> (Ridgway, 1893) | Abbott's Booby | ERc | Ø |
| <i>Sula dactylatra</i> Lesson, 1831 | Masked Booby | | |
| <i>Sula dactylatra personata</i> Gould, 1846 | | Ø | Ru |
| ⁹² <i>Sula sula</i> (Linnaeus, 1766) | Red-footed Booby | Rc | Rc |
| <i>Sula leucogaster</i> (Boddaert, 1783) | Brown Booby | | |
| <i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i> (J.R. Forster, 1844) | | Rc | Ru |

Family PHALACROCORACIDAE Cormorants

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|---|---|
| ⁹³ <i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i> (Vieillot, 1817) | Little Pied Cormorant | | |
| <i>Microcarbo melanoleucos melanoleucos</i> (Vieillot, 1817) | | V | V |
| <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i> (Brandt, 1837) | Little Black Cormorant | V | V |
| ⁹⁴ <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Great Cormorant | V | V |

Order PELECANIFORMES

Family THRESKIORNITHIDAE Ibises and spoonbills

| | | | |
|--|-------------|---|---|
| <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> (Linnaeus, 1766) | Glossy Ibis | V | V |
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Family ARDEIDAE Herons and bitterns

| | | | |
|---|---|-----|----|
| <i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) | Yellow Bittern (Chinese Little Bittern) | V | V |
| <i>Ixobrychus eurhythmus</i> (Swinhoe, 1873) | Schrenck's Bittern (Von Schrenck's Bittern) | V | V |
| <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) | Cinnamon Bittern | V | V |
| ⁹⁵ <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i> (Latham, 1790) | Black Bittern | V | V |
| <i>Gorsachius goisagi</i> (Temminck, 1836) | Japanese Night Heron | V | Ø |
| <i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i> (Raffles, 1822) | Malayan Night Heron | Vis | V |
| <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Black-crowned Night Heron | | |
| <i>Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | | V | V |
| <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789) | Nankeen Night Heron (Rufous Night Heron) | | |
| ⁹⁶ <i>Nycticorax caledonicus australasiae</i> (Vieillot, 1823) | | Vi | Rc |
| <i>Butorides striata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Striated Heron (Mangrove Heron) | | |
| ⁹⁷ <i>Butorides striata amurensis</i> (Schrenck, 1860) | | Vr | Vu |
| <i>Ardeola bacchus</i> (Bonaparte, 1855) | Chinese Pond Heron | V | V |
| ⁹⁸ <i>Ardeola speciosa</i> (Horsfield, 1821) | Javan Pond Heron | V | V |
| ⁹⁹ <i>Bubulcus coromandus</i> (Boddaert, 1783) | Eastern Cattle Egret | Vi | Vi |
| <i>Ardea sumatrana</i> Raffles, 1822 | Great-billed Heron | Ø | V |
| ¹⁰⁰ <i>Ardea purpurea</i> Linnaeus, 1766 | Purple Heron | V | Ø |

⁹⁰ Possible overlap of both populations at sea.

⁹¹ Possible overlap of both populations at sea. Mathews *listeri* is a valid name for this endemic ssp.

⁹² Validity of ssp. often questioned. If accepted, ssp. *rubripes* would apply to these two populations.

⁹³ Formerly placed in the genus *Phalacrocorax*.

⁹⁴ Most likely ssp. *novaehollandiae*.

⁹⁵ Most likely the nominate ssp. Sometimes placed in the genus *Dupetor*.

⁹⁶ Arrival on Cocos Islands 2006. Population status in 2016 ca. 700 birds. Formerly *N. c. hilli*.

⁹⁷ One specimen of *B. s. amurensis* in ZRC confirmed. Some observations could refer to other Asian ssp.

⁹⁸ Subspecies unknown.

⁹⁹ Sometimes treated as a subspecies of *Ardea ibis*.

¹⁰⁰ Most likely ssp. *manilensis*.

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| <i>Ardea alba</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | Great Egret (Eastern Great Egret) | | |
| ¹⁰¹ <i>Ardea alba modesta</i> J.E. Gray, 1831..... | | Vr | Vr |
| ¹⁰² <i>Ardea intermedia</i> Wagler, 1829..... | Intermediate Egret | V | V |
| ¹⁰³ <i>Egretta picata</i> (Gould, 1845)..... | Pied Heron | V | V |
| ¹⁰⁴ <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i> (Latham, 1790)..... | White-faced Heron | Rr | V |
| ¹⁰⁵ <i>Egretta garzetta</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | Little Egret | | |
| <i>Egretta garzetta garzetta</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | | V | V |
| ¹⁰⁶ <i>Egretta garzetta nigripes</i> (Temminck, 1840)..... | | V | V |
| ¹⁰⁷ <i>Egretta gularis</i> (Bosc, 1792)..... | Western Reef Heron | | |
| <i>Egretta gularis schistacea</i> (Hemprich & Ehrenberg, 1828)..... | | Ø | Ru |
| ¹⁰⁸ <i>Egretta sacra</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Eastern Reef Heron (Pacific Reef Heron) | | |
| <i>Egretta sacra sacra</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | | Rc | Rc |
| Family PELECANIDAE Pelicans | | | |
| <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i> Temminck, 1824..... | Australian Pelican | V | Ø |

Order ACCIPITRIFORMES

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----|---|
| Family PANDIONIDAE Ospreys | | | |
| <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Western Osprey | | |
| <i>Pandion haliaetus haliaetus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | | Ø | V |
| Family ACCIPITRIDAE Hawks, eagles, kites and harriers | | | |
| <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i> (Temminck, 1821)..... | Crested Honey Buzzard | | |
| <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus orientalis</i> Taczanowski, 1891..... | Oriental Honey Buzzard | V | Ø |
| <i>Accipiter soloensis</i> (Horsfield, 1821)..... | Chinese Sparrowhawk | V | V |
| ¹⁰⁹ <i>Accipiter natalis</i> (Lister, 1889)..... | Christmas Island Goshawk | ERc | Ø |
| ¹¹⁰ <i>Accipiter gularis</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1844)..... | Japanese Sparrowhawk | V | V |
| ¹¹¹ <i>Circus approximans</i> Peale, 1848..... | Swamp Harrier | Ø | V |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1788)..... | White-bellied Sea Eagle | V | Ø |

Order STRIGIFORMES

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| Family STRIGIDAE Typical owls | | | |
| ¹¹² <i>Ketupa ketupu</i> (Horsfield, 1821)..... | Buffy Fish Owl | Ø | V |
| <i>Ninox natalis</i> Lister, 1889..... | Christmas Island Hawk-Owl (Christmas Island Boobook) | ERc | Ø |

¹⁰¹ Sometimes treated as a full species *A. modesta*.

¹⁰² Most likely nominate ssp. Sometimes placed in the genus *Egretta*.

¹⁰³ Sometimes placed in the genus *Ardea*.

¹⁰⁴ Sometimes placed in the genus *Ardea*.

¹⁰⁵ Sometimes placed in the genus *Ardea*.

¹⁰⁶ Some observations may be attributed to the Australian *E. g. immaculata*.

¹⁰⁷ Sometimes placed in the genus *Ardea*.

¹⁰⁸ Sometimes placed in the genus *Ardea*.

¹⁰⁹ Treated as full species by Johnstone and Darnell 2004, but sometimes treated as ssp. of *A. fasciatus*.

¹¹⁰ Subspecies unknown.

¹¹¹ One specimen in Raffles Museum (ZRC) confirmed.

¹¹² Subspecies not determined.

Order CORACIIFORMES

Family CORACIIDAE Rollers

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|---|---|
| ¹¹³ <i>Coracias garrulous</i> Linnaeus, 1758..... | European Roller | Ø | V |
| ¹¹⁴ <i>Eurystomus orientalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1766)..... | Oriental Dollarbird | V | V |

Family ALCEDINIDAE Kingfishers

| | | | |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| ¹¹⁵ <i>Todiramphus chloris</i> (Boddaert, 1783) | Collared Kingfisher | V | V |
| ¹¹⁶ <i>Todiramphus sanctus</i> (Vigors and Horsfield, 1827) | Sacred Kingfisher | V | V |
| ¹¹⁷ <i>Alcedo atthis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Common Kingfisher | V | V |

Family MEROPIIDAE Bee-eaters

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|---|---|
| <i>Merops ornatus</i> Latham, 1802 | Rainbow Bee-eater | Ø | V |
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Order FALCONIFORMES

Family FALCONIDAE Falcons and kestrels

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|----|---|
| <i>Falco cenchroides</i> Vigors and Horsfield, 1827 | Australian Kestrel (Nankeen Kestrel) | | |
| ¹¹⁸ <i>Falco cenchroides cenchroides</i> Vigors and Horsfield, 1827 | | Ru | V |
| ¹¹⁹ <i>Falco subbuteo</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Eurasian Hobby | V | V |
| <i>Falco berigora</i> Vigors and Horsfield, 1827 | Brown Falcon | | |
| ¹²⁰ <i>Falco berigora berigora</i> Vigors and Horsfield, 1827 | | Ø | V |
| ¹²¹ <i>Falco peregrinus</i> Tunstall, 1771 | Peregrine Falcon | V | V |

Order PSITTACIFORMES

Family PSITTACULIDAE Old World Parrots

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ¹²² <i>Psittacula krameri</i> Scopoli, 1769..... | Rose-ringed Parakeet (Indian Ringnecked Parrot) | X | Ø |
|---|---|---|---|

Order PASSERIFORMES

Family PITTIDAE Pittas

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|---|
| <i>Pitta moluccensis</i> (P.L.S. Müller, 1776) | Blue-winged Pitta | V | Ø |
| <i>Pitta nympha</i> Temminck and Schlegel, 1850 | Fairy Pitta | V | Ø |

Family CAMPEPHAGIDAE Cuckooshrikes and trillers

| | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| ¹²³ <i>Coracina papuensis</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1788)..... | White-bellied Cuckooshrike | V | Ø |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|

Family LANIIDAE Shrikes

| | | | |
|---|--------------|---|---|
| <i>Lanius tigrinus</i> Drapiez, 1828..... | Tiger Shrike | V | V |
| ¹²⁴ <i>Lanius cristatus</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Brown Shrike | V | V |

Family DICRURIDAE Drongos

| | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|---|
| <i>Dicrurus annectens</i> (Hodgson, 1836) | Crow-billed Drongo | Ø | V |
|---|--------------------|---|---|

¹¹³ Subspecies not determined, most likely *semenowi*.

¹¹⁴ Subspecies not determined, most likely *calonyx*.

¹¹⁵ Subspecies not determined, most likely *chloris*.

¹¹⁶ Most likely nominate ssp.

¹¹⁷ Most likely ssp. *bengalensis*.

¹¹⁸ Arrival on Cocos (Keeling) Islands 2011 (up to 10 birds). No recent observations.

¹¹⁹ Most likely nominate ssp. Unconfirmed reports from Christmas I.

¹²⁰ One record, July 2013.

¹²¹ Subspecies not determined, most likely *calidis* or *japonensis*.

¹²² A pair deliberately introduced mid-1970s. Last observation 2004.

¹²³ A *Coracina* sp. sighting by a casual observer in June 2012 on Cocos Is. (Home I.).

¹²⁴ All three ssp. *cristatus*, *lucionensis* and *confusus* recorded.

Family HIRUNDINIDAE Swallows and martins

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----|-----|
| <i>Hirundo rustica</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Barn Swallow | | |
| <i>Hirundo rustica gutturalis</i> Scopoli, 1786 | | PMc | PMu |
| ¹²⁵ <i>Delichon dasypus</i> (Bonaparte, 1850) | Asian House Martin | PMr | V |
| ¹²⁶ <i>Cecropis daurica</i> (Laxmann, 1769) | Red-rumped Swallow | V | Ø |
| ¹²⁷ <i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i> (Vieillot, 1817) | Tree Martin | | |
| <i>Petrochelidon nigricans nigricans</i> (Vieillot, 1817) | | V | Ø |

Family PHYLLOSCOPIDAE Leaf warblers

| | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| ¹²⁸ <i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i> (Blyth, 1842) | Dusky Warbler | V | Ø |
| ¹²⁹ <i>Phylloscopus borealis</i> (Blasius, 1858) | Arctic Warbler | Ø | V |

Family ACROCEPHALIDAE Reed warblers

| | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|
| <i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i> (Temminck and Schlegel, 1847) | Oriental Reed Warbler | V | Ø |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|

Family LOCUSTELLIDAE Grass warblers and grassbirds

| | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| ¹³⁰ <i>Helopsaltes certhiola</i> (Pallas, 1811) | Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler | V | V |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|

Family ZOSTEROPIDAE White-eyes

| | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----|----|
| ¹³¹ <i>Zosterops natalis</i> Lister, 1889 | Christmas Island White-eye | ERc | Ic |
|--|----------------------------|-----|----|

Family STURNIDAE Starlings

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| ¹³² <i>Gracula religiosa</i> Linnaeus, 1758 | Common Hill Myna | X | Ø |
| ¹³³ <i>Acridotheres javanicus</i> Cabanis, 1851 | Javan Myna | X | Ø |
| ¹³⁴ <i>Agropsar sturninus</i> (Pallas, 1776) | Daurian Starling (Purple-backed Starling) | V | V |
| <i>Pastor roseus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Rosy Starling (Rosy Pastor) | V | V |

Family TURDIDAE Thrushes

| | | | |
|--|------------------|-----|---|
| <i>Turdus poliocephalus</i> Latham, 1801 | Island Thrush | | |
| ¹³⁵ <i>Turdus poliocephalus erythropleurus</i> Sharpe, 1887 | | ERc | X |
| <i>Turdus obscurus</i> Gmelin, JF, 1789 | Eyebrowed Thrush | Ø | V |

¹²⁵ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

¹²⁶ Subspecies not determined, most likely *japonica*. Sometimes placed in the genus *Hirundo*.

¹²⁷ Sometimes placed in the genus *Hirundo*. Australian and Timor populations treated under the nominate form contra Gill and Donsker (2013).

¹²⁸ Subspecies not determined.

¹²⁹ Historical records largely unconfirmed as former ssp. Arctic Warbler *borealis*, Kamchatka Leaf Warbler *examinandus* and Japanese Leaf Warbler *xanthodryas* recently separated as full species.

¹³⁰ Subspecies not determined.

¹³¹ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1855–1900.

¹³² Possible aviary escapee - recorded 1923. No subsequent records.

¹³³ Possible aviary escapees - recorded 1904 and 1939. No subsequent records.

¹³⁴ Formerly *Sturnia sturnina*.

¹³⁵ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands 1855–1900.

Family MUSCICAPIDAE Old World flycatchers

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---|----|
| <i>Muscicapa griseisticta</i> (Swinhoe, 1861) | Grey-streaked Flycatcher | V | V |
| ¹³⁶ <i>Muscicapa sibirica</i> Gmelin, JF, 1789..... | Dark-sided Flycatcher | Ø | V |
| ¹³⁷ <i>Muscicapa dauurica</i> Pallas, 1811 | Asian Brown Flycatcher | V | Vr |
| ¹³⁸ <i>Cyanoptila cyanomelana</i> (Temminck, 1829) | Blue and White Flycatcher | V | V |
| ¹³⁹ <i>Ficedula narcissina</i> (Temminck, 1836)..... | Narcissus Flycatcher | Ø | V |
| <i>Ficedula mugimaki</i> (Temminck, 1836) | Mugimaki Flycatcher | Ø | V |
| ¹⁴⁰ <i>Monticola solitarius</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Blue Rock Thrush | Ø | V |
| ¹⁴¹ <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) | Northern Wheatear | V | Ø |

Family PASSERIDAE True (Old World) sparrows

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----|---|
| ¹⁴² <i>Passer montanus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Eurasian Tree Sparrow | Rc | Ø |
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Family PLOCEIDAE Weavers, widowbirds

| | | | |
|--|---------------------|---|---|
| ¹⁴³ <i>Ploceus hypoxanthus</i> (Sparrman, 1788) | Asian Golden Weaver | Ø | X |
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Family ESTRILDIDAE Estrildid finches

| | | | |
|---|---------------------|----|---|
| ¹⁴⁴ <i>Stizoptera bichenovii</i> (Vigors and Horsfield, 1827)..... | Double-barred Finch | Ø | X |
| ¹⁴⁵ <i>Lonchura oryzivora</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Java Sparrow | Ru | X |

Family MOTACILLIDAE Wagtails and pipits

| | | | |
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| ¹⁴⁶ <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i> (Gmelin, JF, 1789)..... | Forest Wagtail | V | Ø |
| ¹⁴⁷ <i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i> Gmelin, JF, 1789 | Eastern Yellow Wagtail | | |
| ¹⁴⁸ <i>Motacilla tschutschensis simillima</i> Hartert, 1905 | | V | V |
| <i>Motacilla tschutschensis macronyx</i> (Stresemann, 1920) | Mongolian Yellow Wagtail | V | V |
| ¹⁴⁹ <i>Motacilla tschutschensis taivana</i> (Swinhoe, 1863) | Green-headed Yellow Wagtail | V | V |
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| ¹⁵¹ <i>Anthus godlewskii</i> (Taczanowski, 1876)..... | Blyth's Pipit | V | Ø |
| ¹⁵² <i>Anthus trivialis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)..... | Tree Pipit | Ø | V |
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| ¹⁵³ <i>Emberiza aureola</i> Pallas, 1773 | Yellow-breasted Bunting | Ø | V |
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¹³⁶ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

¹³⁷ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

¹³⁸ Subspecies not determined, most likely *cyanomelana* or *intermedia*.

¹³⁹ Subspecies not determined.

¹⁴⁰ Subspecies not determined.

¹⁴¹ Identified from photographs (K. Coate 1996) contra BARC ruling 214. Possible Isabelline Wheatear *O. isabellina* could occur judging from tail pattern of one observation 1998 (Johnstone & Storr 2004).

¹⁴² Subspecies not determined, most likely *malaccensis*.

¹⁴³ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands; failed introduction.

¹⁴⁴ Formerly in the genus *Taeniopygia*. Possible aviary escapee - recorded 1982 and 1989. No subsequent records.

¹⁴⁵ Introduced to Cocos (Keeling) Islands before 1828; now extirpated.

¹⁴⁶ Formerly *Motacilla dendronanthus indicus*.

¹⁴⁷ Sometimes the Eastern and Western Yellow Wagtails treated as a single species *M. flava*.

¹⁴⁸ *M. t. simillima* herein considered distinct from *M. t. tschutschensis*.

¹⁴⁹ Sometimes treated as a full species.

¹⁵⁰ Subspecies unknown, most likely the nominate.

¹⁵¹ One specimen collected 1923. A few other observations may be attributed to this or other *Anthus* spp.

¹⁵² Most likely nominate ssp.

¹⁵³ Identified from photographs - December 2020.

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