

A Checklist of the Birds of Micronesia

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Abstract.—This paper lists 191 species of birds found in Micronesia based on publications on collections and acceptable sight records. The last published checklist of Micronesian birds was published by Baker (1951) and lists 151 species. This present checklist records the English names, scientific names, and geographic localities within Micronesia in which the different species are found, and also gives status information on the birds such as whether resident, migrant or vagrant, and whether introduced, endangered or extinct.

The most comprehensive publication on Micronesian birds is that produced by Baker (1951). That publication was based on field work done by Rollin H. Baker and other U. S. military biologists carried out in Micronesia in 1945 and a review of all publications on Micronesian ornithology prior to that date, and up to 1948. In the intervening 29 years, a good many ornithologists and other biologists have traveled or resided in Micronesia for various periods of time and have published accounts of birds seen or collected in Micronesia. Baker (1951) listed 151 full species of birds in Micronesia. The present checklist (Table 1) contains 191 full species. Thus 40 bird species have been added to the list of birds known from Micronesia from published records.

Approximately one fourth of the bird species listed in this checklist are based on published sight records. Great care has been used in evaluating published sight records and several have been rejected for one reason or another for inclusion in this publication. Considering the fact that many species of birds have not been adequately collected in Micronesia, particularly migrant and vagrant birds, it is considered justifiable to include published sight records in this checklist in order to adequately cover the known bird life of Micronesia.

In deciding on the English names of Micronesian birds in this checklist, several sources have been used. For the most part, the English names of birds in Micronesia in this checklist, which birds also occur in Southeast Asia, follow the English names used in King and Dickinson (1975). In the checklist, bird families, genera and species, and the sequence in which they are listed, with only two or three exceptions, are based on the world bird checklist published by Morony et al. (1975). Attempts at standardization of English names, and a number of bird taxonomic revisions, have resulted in many name changes in the English and scientific names used in this publication as compared with Baker (1951) and earlier publications on Micronesian birds.

Abbreviations following the English names of the birds in this checklist refer

to several categories of bird status. The meaning of the abbreviations are listed below:

(R)=Resident	(V)=Vagrant	(E)=Endangered
(M)=Migrant	(X)=Extinct	(I)=Introduced

The vagrant category includes the status designations of "casual", "vagrant", and "accidental" in most other bird literature. The endangered status refers only to birds within the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and is based on the Trust Territory Endangered Species Act of 1975. The extinct status refers to birds which were once endemic to Micronesia but have become completely extinct within historical times. The introduced status refers to nonindigenous bird species which have been and are successfully established and breeding in Micronesia. Some introduced bird species which were formerly established in some localities in Micronesia, but which have since disappeared for one reason or another, are not listed. These species include the Zebra Finch (*Poephila guttata*), once established on Nauru, the Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*), once established on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and the Java Sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*), once established on Guam in the Mariana Islands. Domesticated introduced birds and introduced cage birds are not listed either.

Following the English names and scientific names of the birds in this checklist, there are eleven named columns representing different geographic areas in Micronesia. A symbol in one of these columns following a bird name indicates the recorded presence of that bird species in the appropriate geographic locality. The symbols in the columns refer to the literature references recording the birds in the different localities, and the meaning of the symbols are listed below.

A = Amerson (1969)	Fg = Fosberg (1966)	M = Marshall (1957)
B = Baker (1951)	H = Hachisuka (1942)	Ma = Marshall (1977)
Bt = Brandt (1959)	Hu = Huber (1971)	O = Owen (1977)
Bd = Brandt (1961)	Jn = Johnson (1975)	P = Pearson (1962)
Br = Brandt (1962)	J = Johnston (1967)	Pr = Pratt (1977)
D = Dixon (1952)	Jo = Jouanin (1956)	Ry = Ripley (1948)
Dr = Drahos (1977)	Kg = King (1962)	R = Ripley (1951)
Fr = Fisher (1950)	K = King (1976)	S = Sibley (1967)
F = Forshaw (1973)		

Since Baker (1951) did a very thorough job of researching and listing the literature on Micronesian birds previous to his publication, his publication is used as the literature reference in almost all cases in this checklist of birds recorded for Micronesia, or parts of Micronesia, previous to his publication. Where later publications record birds in Micronesia which have already been recorded in Baker (1951), the Baker literature reference is used unless the record is a new locality record within Micronesia.

In accordance with a policy followed in some other recent ornithological literature, no possessives are used in the English names of the birds in this paper.

This checklist includes only full species; subspecies are not considered except

with incidental reference to some endangered subspecies.

Baker (1951) conceived Micronesia as comprising the Mariana, Caroline and Marshall Islands groups. This paper defines Micronesia as those three island groups plus the Gilbert Islands, Nauru Island, Ocean Island and Wake Atoll (see Fig. 1).

Micronesian Geographic Localities List

There are more than 2000 islands in Micronesia. Some atolls have more than 50 separate islands around the rims of the atolls. Listed below are the geographic categories used in the body of the checklist and the atolls, major islands and island groups in those categories. The accompanying map gives visual perspective as to the location of Micronesia and the atolls and islands within its boundaries.

- PALAU** The Palau archipelago from Angaur in the south to Ngeruangel Reef in the north including the major islands of Angaur, Peleliu, Koror and Babelthuap, and the several islands two to three hundred miles southwest of Palau proper which are included in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands political subdivision called Palau District.
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| Palau Islands | Pulo Anna Island | Tobi Island |
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- YAP** The several islands of Yap proper and all the islands to the south and east of Yap which are included in the Trust Territory political subdivision called Yap District.
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| Ngulu Atoll | Woleai Atoll | Lamotrek Atoll |
| Yap Islands | Faraulep Atoll | Elato Atoll |
| Ulithi Atoll | Ifalik Atoll | Satawal Island |
| Fais Island | Olimarao Atoll | West Fayu Atoll |
| Sorol Atoll | Gaferut Island | Pikelot Island |
| Eauripik Atoll | | |
- MARIANAS** All of the north-south chain of the islands known geographically as the Mariana Islands from Guam in the south to Farallon de Pajaros in the north.
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| Farallon de Pajaros Island | Alamagan Island | Saipan Island |
| Maug Islands | Guguan Island | Tinian Island |
| Asuncion Island | Sarigan Island | Agiguan Island |
| Agrihan Island | Anatahan Island | Rota Island |
| Pagan Island | Farallon de Medinilla Island | Guam Island |
- TRUK** All of the islands within and on the perimeter of Truk Atoll including the major islands of Moen, Tol, Fefen, Dublon, Uman, and Udot, and all the other islands which are included in the Trust Territory political subdivision called Truk District.
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| Puluwat Atoll | Namonuito Atoll | Losap Atoll (including Nama Island) |
| Pulap Atoll | Hall Islands (including Murilo and Nomwin Atolls and East Fayu Island) | Namoluk Atoll |
| Pulusuk Island | Truk Islands (including Kuop Atoll) | Mortlock Islands (including Lukunor, Satawan and Etal Atolls) |
- PONAPE** The high island of Ponape and the small islands immediately adjacent to Ponape and all the other islands which are included in the Trust Territory political subdivision called Ponape District. In the past, Kusaie has been a part of Ponape District, but became a separate district of Trust Territory 1 January 1977.

	Minto Reef	Mokil Atoll	Ngatik Atoll
	Oroluk Atoll	Pingelap Atoll	Nukuoro Atoll
	Ponape Islands (including Pakin and Ant Atolls)		Kapingimarangi Atoll
KUSAIE	The high island of Kusaie and the small islands immediately adjacent to Kusaie.		
MARSHALLS	All of the islands geographically known as the Marshall Islands.		
	Taongi Atoll	Arno Atoll	Ujae Atoll
	Bikar Atoll	Mili Atoll	Lae Atoll
	Utirik Atoll (including Taka Atoll)	Knox Atoll	Kwajalein Atoll
	Mejit Island	Enewetak Atoll	Lib Island
	Ailuk Atoll (including Jemo Island)	Ujelang Atoll	Namu Atoll
	Likiep Atoll	Bikini Atoll	Ailinglapalap Atoll
	Wotje Atoll	Rongerik Atoll	(including Jabwot Island)
	Erikub Atoll	Rongelap Atoll	Jaluit Atoll
	Maloelap Atoll	Ailinginae Atoll	Kili Island
	Aur Atoll	Wotho Atoll	Namorik Atoll
	Majuro Atoll		Ebon Atoll
GILBERTS	All the islands in the north-south chain of islands known geographically as the Gilbert Islands from Makin in the north to Arorae in the south but not including the other islands politically joined with the Gilberts such as Ocean Island, The Line Islands, Phoenix Islands and the Ellice Islands.		
	Makin Atoll (including Little Makin Atoll)	Abemama Atoll	Beru Island
	Marakei Atoll	Kurio Atoll	Nikunau Island
	Abaiang Atoll	Aranuka Atoll	Onotoa Atoll
	Tarawa Atoll	Nonouti Atoll	Tamana Island
	Maiana Atoll	Tabiteuea Atoll	Arorae Island
OCEAN	The single island of Ocean.		
NAURU	The single island of Nauru.		
WAKE	The single atoll of Wake.		

Hypothetical Bird List

The birds on this hypothetical list are birds which have been reported in the published literature as occurring in Micronesia, but for which the record is, for one reason or another, uncertain. The list also includes several unpublished sight observations by the author which, however, need further verification before being acceptable. Also included in this list is a sighting of a Franklin Gull (*Larus pipixcan*) which was seen in the Marshall Islands by David Anderson, a Peace Corps Volunteer. Anderson has produced an as yet unpublished manuscript on this sight record including a good photograph of the gull. Several of the birds on this list were published on by Morris (1963) as sight records from the Gilbert Islands, but in his publication he does not directly claim to have identified the birds concerned, but rather bases his determination on the word of a more experienced ornithologist based on Morris's descriptions. The birds in this hypothetical list probably occur, or have occurred in Micronesia, but for the present time they must be considered to be

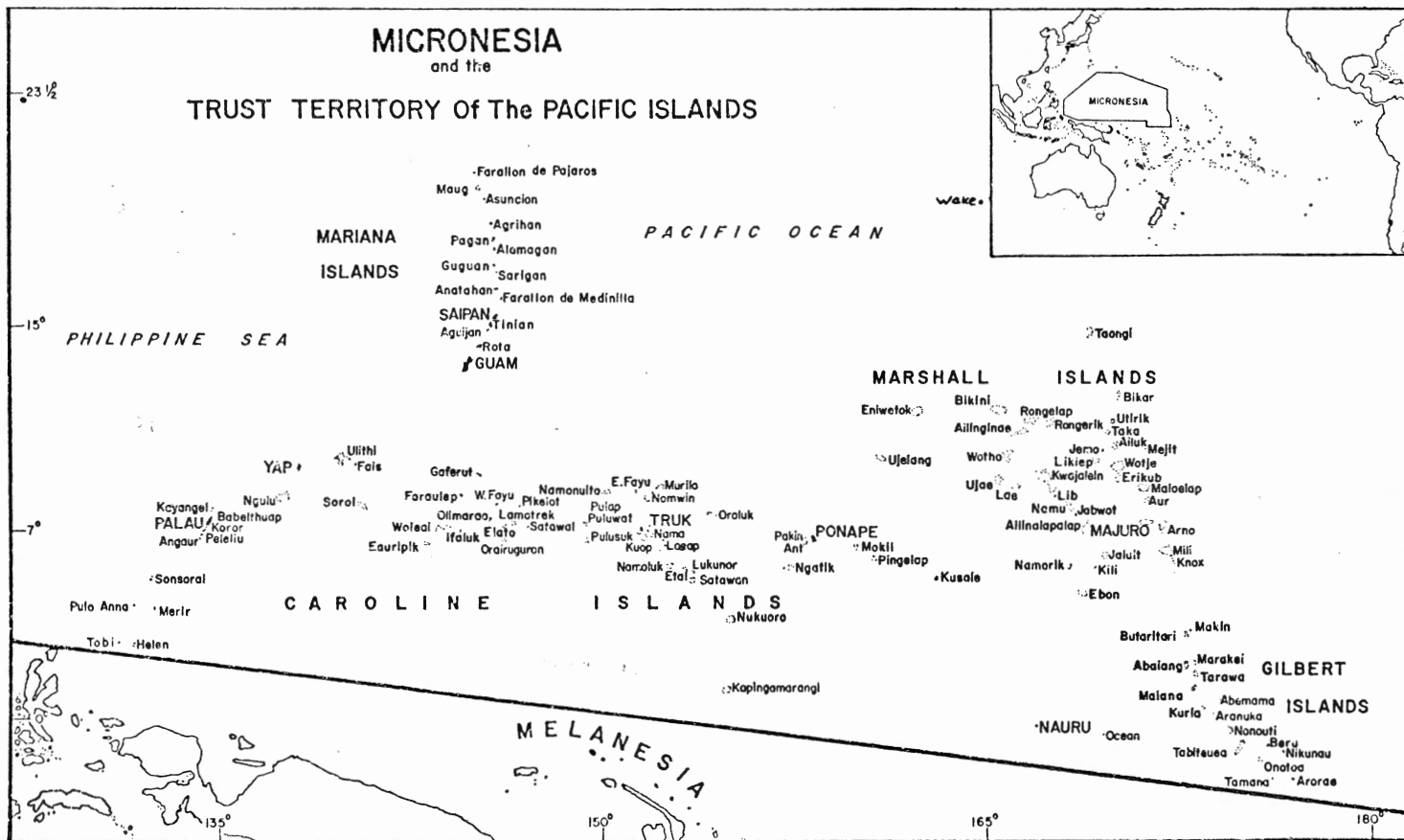


Fig. 1. Map of Micronesia.

Table 1. A checklist of the birds of Micronesia with local distribution, status information and references.

English Names

Scientific Names and Authors

Localities and References

Family DIOMEDEIDAE (Albatrosses)

Black-footed Albatross (V) *Diomedea nigripes* Audubon 1839Laysan Albatross (V) *Diomedea immutabilis* Rothschild 1893

Family PROCELLARIIDAE (Shearwaters and Petrels)

Tahiti Petrel (V) *Pterodroma rostrata* (Peale) 1848Kermadec Petrel (V) *Pterodroma neglecta* (Schlegel) 1863Bonin Petrel (V) *Pterodroma hypoleuca* (Salvin) 1888Black-winged Petrel (V) *Pterodroma nigripennis* (Rothschild) 1893Bulwer Petrel (M) *Bulweria bulwerii* (Jardine & Selby) 1828Streaked Shearwater (M) *Calonectris leucomelas* (Temminck) 1835Flesh-footed Shearwater (V) *Puffinus carneipes* Gould 1844Wedge-tailed Shearwater (R) *Puffinus pacificus* (Gmelin) 1789Sooty Shearwater (M) *Puffinus griseus* (Gmelin) 1789Short-tailed Shearwater (M) *Puffinus tenuirostris* (Temminck) 1835Christmas Shearwater (R) *Puffinus nativitatis* Streets 1877Manx Shearwater (V) *Puffinus puffinus* (Brünnich) 1764Little Shearwater (V) *Puffinus assimilis* Gould 1838Audubon Shearwater (R) *Puffinus lherminieri* Lesson 1839

Family OCEANITIDAE (Storm-Petrels)

Wilson Storm-Petrel (M) *Oceanites oceanicus* (Kuhl) 1820Madeiran Storm-Petrel (V) *Oceanodroma castro* (Harcourt) 1851Leach Storm-Petrel (V) *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* (Vieillot) 1817Matsudaira Storm-Petrel (V) *Oceanodroma matsudairae* Kuroda 1922

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Family PHAETHONTIDAE (Tropicbirds)	
Red-tailed Tropicbird (R)	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i> Boddaert 1783
White-tailed Tropicbird (R)	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i> (Audin) 1802
Family SULIDAE (Boobies)	
Masked Booby (R)	<i>Sula dactylatra</i> Lesson 1829
Red-footed Booby (R)	<i>Sula sula</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Brown Booby (R)	<i>Sula leucogaster</i> (Boddaert) 1783
Family PHALACROCORACIDAE (Cormorants)	
Little Pied Cormorant (R)	<i>Phalacrocorax melanoleucos</i> (Vieillot) 1817
Family ANHINGIDAE (Darters)	
Oriental Darter (V)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> (Pennant) 1769
Family FREGATIDAE (Frigatebirds)	
Great Frigatebird (R)	<i>Fregata minor</i> (Gmelin) 1789
Lesser Frigatebird (R)	<i>Fregata ariel</i> (Gray) 1845
Family ARDEIDAE (Herons, Egrets and Bitterns)	
Yellow Bittern (R)	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i> (Gmelin) 1789
Schrenk Bittern (V)	<i>Ixobrychus eurhythmus</i> (Swinhoe) 1873
Black Bittern (V)	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i> (Latham) 1790
Japanese Night-Heron (V)	<i>Gorsachius goisagi</i> (Temminck) 1835
Malayan Night-Heron (V)	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i> (Raffles) 1822
Black-Crowned Night-Heron (V)	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Rufous Night-Heron (R)	<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i> (Gmelin) 1789
Little Heron (V)	<i>Butorides striatus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Cattle Egret (M)	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Pacific Reef Egret (R)	<i>Egretta sacra</i> (Gmelin) 1789
Little Egret (M)	<i>Egretta garzetta</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Plumed Egret (M)	<i>Egretta intermedia</i> (Wagler) 1829

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Table 1. (continued)

English names

Scientific Names and Authors

Localities and References

Family ANATIDAE (Ducks, Geese and Swans)

Snow Goose (V)	<i>Anser caerulescens</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Eurasian Widgeon (V)	<i>Anas penelope</i> Linnaeus 1758
Gadwall (V)	<i>Anas strepera</i> Linnaeus 1758
Common Teal (V)	<i>Anas crecca</i> Linnaeus 1758
Mallard (V)	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> Linnaeus 1758
Marianas Duck (R, E)	<i>Anas oustaleti</i> Salvadori 1894 ²
Grey Duck (R, E)	<i>Anas superciliosa</i> (Gmelin) 1789
Pintail (M)	<i>Anas acuta</i> Linnaeus 1758
Garganey (V)	<i>Anas querquedula</i> Linnaeus 1758
Northern Shoveler (V)	<i>Anas clypeata</i> Linnaeus 1758
Canvasback (V)	<i>Aythya valisineria</i> (Wilson) 1814
Tufted Duck (M)	<i>Aythya fuligula</i> (Linnaeus) 1758

Family ACCIPITRIDAE (Hawks)

Japanese Sparrowhawk (V)	<i>Accipiter gularis</i> (Temminck & Schlegel) 1844
Chinese Goshawk (V)	<i>Accipiter soloensis</i> (Horsfield) 1821

Family PANDIONIDAE (Osprey)

Osprey (R) ³	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
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Family FALCONIDAE (Falcons)

Peregrine Falcon (V)	<i>Falco peregrinus</i> Turnstall 1771
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Family MEGAPODIIDAE (Megapodes)

Micronesia Megapode (R, E)	<i>Megapodius laperouse</i> Quoy & Gaimard 1824
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Family PHASIANIDAE (Pheasants and Quail)

Black Francolin (R, I)	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Blue-breasted Quail (R, I)	<i>Coturnix chinensis</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Red Junglefowl (R, I)	<i>Gallus gallus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758

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Family RALLIDAE (Rails)

Red-legged Crane (V)	<i>Rallina fasciata</i> (Raffles) 1822
Slaty-legged Crane (R)	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i> Lafresnaye 1845
Banded Rail (R)	<i>Rallus philippensis</i> (Linnaeus) 1766 ⁴
Guam Rail (R)	<i>Rallus owstoni</i> (Rothschild) 1895 ⁴
Wake Rail (X)	<i>Rallus wakensis</i> (Rothschild) 1903 ⁴
Kusaie Rail (X)	<i>Porzana monasa</i> (Kittlitz) 1858
White-browed Rail (R)	<i>Poliolimnas cinereus</i> (Vieillot) 1819
Common Moorhen (R)	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Purple Swampphen (R)	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Common Coot (V)	<i>Fulica atra</i> Linnaeus 1758

Family GLAREOLIDAE (Pratincoles)

Oriental Pratincole (M)	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i> J. R. Forster 1795
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Family CHARADRIIDAE (Plovers)

Lesser Golden Plover (M)	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i> (P. L. S. Müller) 1776
Grey Plover (M)	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Little Ringed Plover (M)	<i>Charadrius dubius</i> Scopoli 1786
Kentish Plover (M)	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> Linnaeus 1758
Mongolian Plover (M)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i> Pallas 1776
Greater Sand Plover (M)	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> Lesson 1826

Family SCOLOPACIDAE (Sandpipers and Snipes)

Black-tailed Godwit (M)	<i>Limosa limosa</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Bar-tailed Godwit (M)	<i>Limosa lapponica</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Little Curlew (M)	<i>Numenius minutus</i> Gould 1841
Whimbrel (M)	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Bristle-thighed Curlew (M)	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i> (Gmelin) 1789
Eastern Curlew (M)	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Spotted Redshank (V)	<i>Tringa erythropus</i> (Pallas) 1764
Common Redshank (M)	<i>Tringa totanus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758

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Buff-breasted Sandpiper (V)	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i> (Vieillot) 1819
Ruff (M)	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Family LARIDAE (Gulls and Terns)	
Herring Gull (V)	<i>Larus argentatus</i> Pontoppidan 1763
Black-headed Gull (M)	<i>Larus ridibundus</i> Linnaeus 1766
White-winged Tern (M)	<i>Chlidonias leucoptera</i> (Temminck) 1815
Common Tern (M)	<i>Sterna hirundo</i> Linnaeus 1758
Arctic Tern (V)	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i> Pontoppidan 1763
Black-naped Tern (R)	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i> Raffles 1822
Grey-backed Tern (M)	<i>Sterna lunata</i> Peale 1848
Brown-winged Tern (R)	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i> Scopoli 1786
Sooty Tern (R)	<i>Sterna fuscata</i> Linnaeus 1766
Little Tern (M)	<i>Sterna albifrons</i> Pallas 1764
Great Crested Tern (R)	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i> (Lichtenstein) 1823
Blue-grey Noddy (R)	<i>Procelsterna cerulea</i> (Bennett) 1840
Brown Noddy (R)	<i>Anous stolidus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Black Noddy (R)	<i>Anous minutus</i> Boie 1844
White Tern (R)	<i>Gygis alba</i> (Sparrman) 1786
Family COLUMBIDAE (Pigeons and Doves)	
Rock Pigeon (R, I)	<i>Columba livia</i> Gmelin 1789
Philippine Turtle-Dove (R, I)	<i>Streptopelia bitorquata</i> (Temminck) 1810
Nicobar Pigeon (R, E)	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
White-collared Ground-Dove (R, I)	<i>Gallicolumba erythroptera</i> (Gmelin) 1789
White-throated Ground-Dove (R)	<i>Gallicolumba xanthonura</i> (Temminck) 1823
Friendly Ground-Dove (R, I)	<i>Gallicolumba stairi</i> (Gray) 1856
Palau Ground-Dove (R, E)	<i>Gallicolumba canifrons</i> (Hartlaub & Finsch) 1872
Purple-capped Fruit-Dove (R)	<i>Ptilinopus porphyraceus</i> (Temminck) 1821
Palau Fruit-Dove (R)	<i>Ptilinopus pelewensis</i> Hartlaub & Finsch 1868
Marianas Fruit-Dove (R)	<i>Ptilinopus roseicapilla</i> (Lesson) 1831

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English Names

Scientific Names and Authors

Localities and References

English Names	Scientific Names and Authors
Micronesian Pigeon (R, E) ⁵	<i>Ducula oceanica</i> (Demarest) 1826
Family PSITTACIDAE (Lories, Cockatoos and Parrots)	
Ponape Lory (R)	<i>Trichoglossus rubiginosus</i> (Bonaparte) 1850
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (R, I)	<i>Cacatua galerita</i> (Latham) 1790
Eclectus Parrot (R, I)	<i>Eclectus roratus</i> (P. L. S. Müller) 1776
Family CUCULIDAE (Cuckoos)	
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo (V)	<i>Clamator coromandus</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Hodgson Hawk-Cuckoo (V)	<i>Cuculus fugax</i> Horsfield 1821
Common Cuckoo (V)	<i>Cuculus canorus</i> Linnaeus 1758
Oriental Cuckoo (M)	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i> Blyth 1843
Long-tailed Cuckoo (M)	<i>Eudynamys taitensis</i> (Sparrman) 1787
Family STRIGIDAE (Owls)	
Palau Owl (R, E)	<i>Pyrroglaux podargina</i> (Hartlaub & Finsch) 1872
Short-eared Owl (R) ⁶	<i>Asio flammeus</i> (Pontoppidan) 1763
Family CAPRIMULGIDAE (Nightjars)	
Grey Nightjar (R)	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i> Latham 1790
Family APODIDAE (Swifts)	
Vanikoro Swiftlet (R)	<i>Collocalia vanikorensis</i> (Quoy & Gaimard) 1830
Carolines Swiftlet (R)	<i>Collocalia inquieta</i> (Kittlitz) 1858
Family ALCEDINIDAE (Kingfishers)	
Micronesian Kingfisher (R)	<i>Halcyon cinnamomina</i> Swainson 1821
Collared Kingfisher (R)	<i>Halcyon chloris</i> (Boddaert) 1783

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Family CORACIIDAE (Rollers)	
Dollar Bird (V)	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Family HIRUNDINIDAE (Swallows)	
Barn Swallow (M)	<i>Hirundo rustica</i> Linnaeus 1758
Family MOTACILLIDAE (Wagtails and Pipits)	
Yellow Wagtail (M)	<i>Motacilla flava</i> Linnaeus 1758
White Wagtail (V)	<i>Motacilla alba</i> Linnaeus 1758
Family CAMPEPHAGIDAE (Cuckoo-shrikes)	
Cicadabird (R)	<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i> (Jardine) 1831
Family MUSCICAPIDAE	
(Thrushes, Old World Warblers, and Old World Flycatchers)	
Siberian Rubythroat (V)	<i>Erithacus calliope</i> (Pallas) 1776
Blue Rock-Thrush (V)	<i>Monticola solitarius</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Eye-browed Thrush (V)	<i>Turdus obscurus</i> Gmelin 1789
Palau Bush-Warbler (R)	<i>Psamathia annae</i> Hartlaub & Finsch 1868
Nightingale Reed-Warbler (R, E)	<i>Acrocephalus luscini</i> (Quoy & Gaimard) 1830
Narcissus Flycatcher (V)	<i>Ficedula narcissina</i> (Temminck) 1835
Grey-streaked Flycatcher (V)	<i>Muscicapa griseisticta</i> (Swinhoe) 1861
Truk Monarch (R)	<i>Metabolus rugensis</i> (Hombroen & Jacquinet) 1841
Yap Monarch (R)	<i>Monarcha godeffroyi</i> Hartlaub 1867
Tinian Monarch (R, E)	<i>Monarcha takatsukasae</i> (Yamashina) 1931
Micronesian Broadbill (R)	<i>Myiagra oceanica</i> Pucheran 1835
Palau Fantail (R, E)	<i>Rhipidura lepida</i> Hartlaub & Finsch 1868
Rufous-fronted Fantail (R)	<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i> (Latham) 1801
Palau Morning Bird (R)	<i>Pitohui tenebrosa</i> (Hartlaub & Finsch) 1868

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Table 1. (continued)

English Names

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Family ZOSTEROPIDAE (White-eyes)

Bridled White-eye (R)	<i>Zosterops conspicillata</i> (Kittlitz) 1832
Dusky White-eye (R)	<i>Zosterops cinerea</i> (Kittlitz) 1832
Palau Greater White-eye (R)	<i>Rukia palauensis</i> (Reichenow) 1915
Yap Greater White-eye (R)	<i>Rukia oleaginea</i> (Hartlaub & Finsch) 1872
Truk Greater White-eye (R, E)	<i>Rukia ruki</i> (Hartert) 1897
Ponape Greater White-eye (R, E)	<i>Rukia longirostra</i> (Takatsukasa & Yamashina) 1931

Family MELIPHAGIDAE (Honeyeaters)

Cardinal Honeyeater (R)	<i>Myzomela cardinalis</i> (Gmelin) 1788
Golden Honeyeater (R)	<i>Cleptornis marchei</i> (Oustalet) 1889

Family EMBERIZADAE (Buntings)

Black-headed Bunting (V)	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i> Scopoli 1769
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Family ESTRILDIDAE (Mannikins and Finches)

Blue-faced Parrotfinch (R, E) ⁷	<i>Erythrura trichroa</i> (Kittlitz) 1833
Scaly-breasted Mannikin (R, I)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
Chestnut Mannikin (R, I)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i> (Linnaeus) 1766
Hunstein Mannikin (R)	<i>Lonchura hunsteini</i> (Finsch) 1886

Family PLOCEIDAE (Sparrows and Weavers)

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (R, I)	<i>Passer montanus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758
House Sparrow (R, I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i> (Linnaeus) 1758

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Family STURNIDAE (Starlings)

Ponape Mountain Starling (R, E)	<i>Aplonis pelzelni</i> Finsch 1875
Kusaie Mountain Starling (X)	<i>Aplonis corvina</i> (Kittlitz) 1833
Micronesian Starling (R)	<i>Aplonis opaca</i> (Kittlitz) 1833
Chestnut-cheeked Starling (V)	<i>Sturnus philippensis</i> (Forster) 1781
White-cheeked Starling (V)	<i>Sturnus cineraceus</i> Temminck 1835

Family DICRURIDAE (Drongos)

Black Drongo (R, I)	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i> Vieillot 1817
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Family ARTAMIDAE (Wood-swallows)

White-breasted Wood-swallow (R, E)	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i> (Linnaeus) 1771
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Family CORVIDAE (Crows and Jays)

Marianas Crow (R, E)	<i>Corvus kubaryi</i> Reichenow 1885
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¹ The reference in Baker (1951) for the single collected specimen of this bird gives the locality only as "Caroline Islands", thus of the localities listed in this paper, the record could be for Palau, Yap, Ponape or Kusaie rather than Truk.

² Some ornithologists consider this duck to be a hybrid of *Anas platyrhynchos* and *Anas poecilorhyncha* though neither of the presumed parent species have ever been recorded from the Mariana Islands. See Yamashina (1948).

³ Resident in Palau and vagrant in the Marianas.

⁴ These three species of rails are placed in the genus *Gallirallus* by Olson (1973).

⁵ Only the subspecies *Ducula oceanica ratakensis* of the Marshall Islands and *Ducula oceanica teraoki* of Truk are endangered within Micronesia.

⁶ *Asio flammeus ponapensis* resident in Ponape and *Asio flammeus flammeus* vagrant in the Mariana and Marshall Islands.

⁷ Only the subspecies *Erythrura trichroa pelewensis* in Palau is endangered in Micronesia.

⁸ All the birds indicated in the Marianas geographic locality column occur on the island of Guam, the largest and most populated island in Micronesia, except where an asterisk (*) follows the reference symbol in the Marianas column which indicates that the bird has not been recorded from Guam. 72 species of birds have been recorded from Guam.

hypothetical. However, bird observers in Micronesia should be alert for the birds on the list below.

- Short-tailed Albatross (*Diomedea albatrus*)—Baker (1951)—Marianas
 Phoenix Petrel (*Pterodroma alba*)—Morris (1963)—Gilberts
 White-necked Petrel (*Pterodroma externa*)—Amerson (1969)—Marshalls
 White-throated Storm-Petrel (*Nesofregetta albigularis*)—Morris (1963)—
 Gilberts
 Red-billed Tropicbird (*Phaethon aethereus*)—Baker (1951)—Marshalls
 Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)—Owen—Palau
 Oriental Hobby (*Falco severus*)—Owen—Palau
 Common Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)—Owen—Palau
 Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)—Baker (1951)—Marshalls
 Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)—Owen—Palau
 MacCormick Skua (*Catharacta maccormicki*)—Morris (1963)—Gilberts
 Mew Gull (*Larus canus*)—Owen—Palau
 Franklin Gull (*Larus pipixcan*)—Anderson—Marshalls

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