

PRECIS OF BIRDS OF THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY
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I STERNIDAE (TERNS AND NOBBIES)

1. Sterna sumatrana sumatrana. Black-raped Tern. Kiakia.
2. Sterna fuscata oahuensis. Sooty Tern. Keu (Kerekere).
3. Sterna anaethetus anaethetus. Brown-winged Tern. ?
4. Sterna lunata. Grey-backed or Bridled or Spectacled Tern. Tarangongo (Maningongo).
5. Thalasseus bergii. Crested or Swift Tern. Karakara (Kabinawa).
6. Anous stolidus pileatus. Brown or Common Noddy. Io.
7. Anous minutus minutus. Black or White-capped Noddy. Mangkiri (Kunai or Takiri).
8. Procelsterna cerulea nehouxi. Blue-grey Noddy or Bennett's Noddy or Blue-grey Fairy Ternlet. ?
9. Cygis alba. White or Love or Fairy or Angel Tern. Matawa (Matawanaba or Bairuri).

II SULIDAE (GANNETS OR BOOBIES)

10. Sula leucogaster platus. Brown or Common Booby. Kikui (Tairo?).
11. Sula dactylatra persimata. Blue-faced Booby or Masked Gannet. Nouakera.
12. Sula sula (tubripes?). Red-footed Booby. Keta (Matitaba).

III FREGATIDAE (FRIGATE-BIRDS)

13. Fregata minor palmerstoni. Greater or Pacific Frigate-Bird. Eika.
14. Fregata ariel ariel. Lesser Frigate-Bird. Eika.

IV PHAETHONTIDAE (TROPIC-BIRDS OR BOSON BIRDS)

15. Phaethon rubricauda melanorhynchus. Red-tailed Tropic-bird. Take.
16. Phaethon lepturus dorotheae. White-tailed Tropic-bird. Ngutu (Koroangutungutu or Tarangutu).

V PROCELLARIIDAE (SHEARWATERS AND PETRELS)

17. Puffinus pacificus chlororhynchus. Wedge-tailed Shearwater. Korobaro.
18. Puffinus nativitatis. Christmas Island Shearwater. Timebu.

19. Puffinus lherminieri dichrous. Sooty or Audubon's Shearwater.
Nna.
20. Pterodroma alba, Phoenix Petrel. Tangiuaoua. (Ruru or Kuma).
21. Nesofregatta albigularis. White-throated Storm-petrel. Buetwe-
ni-marawa

VI ARDEIDAE (HERONS)

22. Semipetetta sacra. Reef Heron. Kai. There are three colour phases: pure white (Kaimatang); greyish-blue (Kaituaraku); chiefly white but mottled in varying degrees with the blue-grey feathers (Kaimakin).

VII COLUMBIDAE (PIGEONS AND DOVES)

23. Ducula pacifica pacifica. Pacific Pigeon. Rube.
24. Gallicolumba erythroptera. Ground Dove. Bitin (Taobe).
25. Gallicolumba stairii. Friendly Ground Dove. Bitin (Taobe).

VIII PHASIANIDAE (QUAILS AND PHEASANTS)

26. Gallus gallus. Jungle or Domestic Fowl. Maa.

IX SYLVIIDAE (WARBLERS)

27. Conopoderas aequinoctialis. Warbler. Bokikokiko.
Commonly referred to as the Christmas Island Canary.

X PSITTACIDAE (PARROTS)

28. Vini Kuhlii. Parakeet. Kura.

PART B. MIGRATORY BIRDS

I CHARADRIIDAE (TURNSTONES AND PLOVERS)

29. Arenaria interpres interpres. Turnstone or Sea Plover. Kitiba.
30. Pluvialis dominica fulva. Pacific Golden Plover. Kua.

II SCOLOPACIDAE (TATTLERS, CURLEWS, GODWITS)

31. Heteroscelus incanus incanus. Wandering Tattler. Kiriri.
32. Heteroscelus incanus brevipes. Grey-tailed or Asiatic Tattler. Kiriri.

33. Numenius tahitiensis. Bristle-thighed Curlew. Kewe.
34. Limosa lapponica baueri. Pacific or Eastern Bar-tailed Godwit. Kaka.
35. Frobia ruficollis ruficollis. Red-necked or Eastern Little Stint.
Nikuaikua (Laurau or Buatua).
36. Frobia acuminata. Sharp-tailed or Siberian Pectoral Sandpiper.
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37. Creethia alba. Sanderling. Rare. No Gilbertese name.

III CUCULIDAE (CUCKOOS)

38. Urodynamis taitensis. Long-tailed New Zealand Cuckoo.
Kabanei.

IV ANATIDAE (DUCKS)

39. Anas acuta taitensis. Pintail. ?
40. Anas platyrhynchos platyrhynchos. Mallard. Timiwenei.
41. Spatula clypeata. Shoveller. Timiwenei.