

bird species list for Gatokae, Solomon Islands

This species list is a preliminary, TENTATIVE and by no means comprehensive or definitive list for Gatokae - we have not yet had any serious effort towards ascertaining species and compiling an inventory - it should be used for indicative purposes only, and errors and many omissions expected.

The categories are loose groupings only and species ranges often overlap, reflecting the overlapping habitats we have here [for example dense tropical rainforest on tiny oceanic coral islands].

Should anyone have lists or positive IDs relevant to Gatokae or Marovo it would be very much appreciated if you could pass them on to us and they will be included in the list with credit and any other information.

seabirds - easily spotted around our three offshore islands and often viewable from the Lodge

- **Lesser Frigate bird** - *Fregata ariel* - belama [both species in very large numbers year-round hunting over the tuna schools, often circling over the Lodge]
- **Greater Frigate Bird** - *Fregata minor* - belama
- **Brown Booby** - *Sula leucogaster* - paraparao
- **Crested Tern** - *Sterna bergii* - vangolo [also the name of one of the ancestral chiefs of Peava Village]
- **Black-naped Tern** - *Sterna sumatrana* - chelekae
- **Common White Tern** - *Gygis alba*
- **Terns** - *Sterna spp.* - chelekae [**several** other species without positive ID]
- **Black Noddy** - *Anous minutus* - dekere - large flocks flying low and floating on the seasurface feeding on macroplankton
- **Noddies** - *Anous spp.* - dekere, kikiki ?
- **White-tailed Tropic Bird** - *Phaethon lepturus* - the ocean wanderer
- **Wedge-tailed Shearwater** - *Puffinus pacificus* [present on seasonal migrations]

coast and shorebirds

- **Solomon Sea Eagle** - *Haliaeetus sanfordi* - kakaka
- **Osprey** - *Pandion haliaetus* - chogachoga ihana
- **Brahminy Kite** - *Haliastur indus* - ke [present in all habitats]
- **Pacific Reef Heron** - *Egretta sacra* - chou [white (heva) and black (chinoko) phases, several tame residents at the Lodge, also common in gardens]
- **Beach Stone Curlew** or Beach Thick-knee- *Burhinus neglectus* - bilikiki [icon of the Western Province, with a traditional dance mimicking it's behaviour]
- **Common Sandpiper** - *Tringa hypoleucos* - chegochego mati [present on seasonal migrations, also a very entertaining dancer]
- **Whimbrel** - *Numenius phaeopus*
- **Beach Kingfisher** - *Halcyon saurophaga* - kiokio / kikio
- **Common Kingfisher** - *Alcedo atthis* - chige
- **Collared Kingfisher** - *Todirhamphus chloris*

land and forest birds

- **Blyth's Hornbill** - *Aceros plicatus* - omehe [very common here as not hunted. Seen daily flying over Lodge , very heavy noisy wingbeat and goose-like honking cry]
- **Buff-headed Coucal** - *Centropus milo* - ao / chehoho [a strange bird with an even stranger call, rarely flies, strongly associated with evil spirits in Marovo]
- **White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike** - *Coracina papuensis* – pisale
- **Yellow-Eyed Cuckoo-Shrike** - *Coracina lineata* - pisale
- **Cuckoo** - *Cacomantis* sp - unidentified species
- **Melanesian Scrubfowl** - *Megapodus freycinet* - io [the famous mound-builders]
- **Purple Swamphen** - *Porphyrio porphyrio* - bichere [a rather unpopular bird in Marovo for it's habit of digging up gardens]
- **Rail** - unidentified species
- **Rufous-breasted Hawk** - *Accipiter novaehollandiae* [these smaller raptor IDs are tentative]
- **Pied Goshawk** - *Accipiter albogularis*
- **Pacific Baza** - *Aviceda subcristata*
- **White-throated Nightjar** - *Eurostopodus mystacalis* - totoa?
- **Dollarbird** - *Eurystomus orientalis* – kekerakocho
- **Willie Wagtail** - *Rhipidura leucophrys* - pitikole [another iconic bird, a carving of which graced the stern of the war canoes, resident pair at the Lodge]
- **Fantail** - *Rhipidura* sp. - unidentified species
- **Flycatcher** - *Myiagra* sp - unidentified species
- **Yellow-breasted Sunbird** - *Nectarinia jugularis* – viu
- **Golden Whistler** - *Pacycephala pectoralis* – voku
- **Metallic Starling** - *Aplonis metallica* – chichiu
- **Pacific Swallow** - *Hirundo tahitica* – keja
- **Moustached Treeswift** - *Hemiprocne raystacea* - chiku reta?
- **Glossy Swiftlet** - *Collocalia esculaenta*
- **Swiftlet** - [several species without positive ID]
- **Yellow-Faced Mynah** - *Mino dumontii* – kolioro
- **Variable Kingfisher** - *Ceyx lepidus*
- **White-Capped Monarch** - *Monarcha richardsii* - vivoho
- **Monarch** - *Monarcha* sp - unidentified species
- **Steel-blue Flycatcher** - *Myiagra ferrocyanea*
- **New Georgia White-eye** - *Zosterops kulambangrae* - Chiku bias
- **White-Eye** - *Zosterops* sp - unidentified
- **Yellow-vented Myzomela** - *Myzomela eichorni*
- **Myzomela** - *Myzomela* sp. - unidentified species
- **Red-knobbed Fruit Pigeon** - *Ducula rubricera* - kurukuru isu binga
- **Nicobar Pigeon** - *Caloenas nicobarica* - bakupa (frequently ground foraging)
- **Grey Fruit Pigeon** - *Ducula pitrianna* – kurukuru
- **Large Pigeon** - unidentified species
- **Claret-breasted Fruit Dove** – kukuva
- **Fruit Doves** - several unidentified species
- **Mackinlay's Cuckoo Dove** - *Macropygia mackinlayi*
- **Ground Dove** - unidentified species - tu'u
- **Eclectus Parrot** - *Eclectus roratus* - kara [male (mahi) green with brilliant colours under wings, female [chiri] dark red and blue, overflying Lodge daily]
- **Singing Parrot** - *Geoffroyus herteroclitus*
- **Cardinal Lory** - *Chalcopsitta cardinalis*- chiri [many in coconut palms around the Lodge, and often flying between the islands]
- **Duchess Lorikeet** - *Charmosyna margarethae* - chiri

- **Yellow-bibbed Lory** - *Lorius chlorocercus* - chiri (occasional sightings of individuals, assumed having crossed from other islands, or escaped pets imported from outside the West)
- **Rainbow Lorikeet** - *Trichoglossus haematodus* – chiri
- **Lorikeets** - unidentified species
- **Pygmy Parrot** - unidentified species
- **Solomon Cockatoo** - *Cacatua ducorpsi* - kaka [often overflying Lodge and between the islands]