The Birds of Kiribati

**INTRODUCED SPECIES**
- Red-footed Booby
- Brown Booby
- White-tailed Tropicbird
- White-throated Storm-petrel
- Audubon’s Shearwater
- Christmas Shearwater
- Wedge-tailed Shearwater

**INDIGENOUS SPECIES**
- Common Myna
- Kuhl’s Lorikeet
- Feral Pigeon
- Red Jungle Fowl
- Kiritimati Reed-warbler

**MIGRANTS**
- White Tern
- Black Noddy
- Brown Noddy
- Sooty Tern
- Grey-backed Tern
- Great Crested Tern
- Pacific Reef Heron
- Lesser Frigatebird

**CODE KEY**
- EN = Endangered
- VU = Vulnerable
- LC = Least Concern
- GI = Endemic
- PI = Indigenous
- LI = Line Islands
- W = White
- L = Large

**Red-footed Booby**
- *Sula dactylatra*
- Bill: White
- Wingspan: 69 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**Brown Booby**
- *Sula sula*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 83 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**White-tailed Tropicbird**
- *Phaethon lepturus*
- Bill: Yellow
- Wingspan: 93 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**White-throated Storm-petrel**
- *Puffinus lherminieri*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 24 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**Audubon’s Shearwater**
- *Puffinus lherminieri*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 35 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**Christmas Shearwater**
- *Puffinus nativitatis*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 35 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**Wedge-tailed Shearwater**
- *Te N’na*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 35 cm
- Habitat: Ocean

**Common Myna**
- *Acridotheres tristis*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 67 cm
- Habitat: Shoreline

**Kuhl’s Lorikeet**
- *Trichoglossus viridigenalis*
- Bill: Yellow
- Wingspan: 69 cm
- Habitat: Forest

**Feral Pigeon**
- *Columba livia*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 86 cm
- Habitat: Towns, harbours

**Red Jungle Fowl**
- *Gallus gallus*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 51 cm
- Habitat: Forest, disturbed

**Kiritimati Reed-warbler**
- *Te Tanguoua*
- Bill: Black
- Wingspan: 76 cm
- Habitat: Forest

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Bar-tailed Godwit

Pluvialis alpina

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PI = 56 cm
LI = 75 cm

Mostly a transient in Kiribati on southern migration with most birds moving north towards their breeding grounds from early in the year. Nests in northern Eurasia and Alaska. Migrant. Forages for invertebrates on shoreline, lagoon edge.

Common at South Tarawa. Larger than Feral Pigeon, head and breast paler than rest of body. Feral Pigeon

Columba livia

GI = 46 cm
PI = 30 cm
LI = 24 cm

Threatens to establish at Betio in the port area and spreading to other islands.

Grey-headed Lapwing

Vanellus baldus

GI = 28 cm
PI = 57 cm
LI = 82 cm

GI

in Grey-backed Tern, forked tail. White patch on forehead smaller than Black Noddy

Anous minutus

GI = 34 cm
PI = 21 cm
LI = 30 cm

Feeds at sea, typically close to shore.

Great Crested Tern

Sterna bergii

GI = 42 cm
PI = 30 cm
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Pacific Pigeon

Ducula pacifica

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Green-backed Tern

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Long-tailed Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

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