# **Mato Islet Bird Checklist**

## (Sthn Lagoon) Off New Caledonia

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	Ardenna pacificus	Res bre	c 500 pr breed here, 1993-99,	3,5,
2.	Black-winged Petrel	Pterodroma nigripennis	Res bre	40-50 pr breed here, 1993-99,	3,5,
3.	Tahiti Petrel	Pseudobulweria rostrata	Res bre	largest br pop in Sthn Lagoon = 70+ birds br Sep to Apr, 93-99,3,5,	
4.	Eastern Osprey	Pandion cristatus	Res	3 in Chesher's photo,	4,
5.	Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii	Res	1 in photo, P 18.9.2004,	1,2,
6.	Bridled Tern	Onychoprion anaethetus	Res	3 in photo	1,
7.	Black-naped Tern	Sterna sumatrana	Res	2 in photo	1,
8.	Brown Noddy	Anous stolidus	Res	70 in photo,	1,
9.	Black Noddy	Anous minutus	Res	40 in photo	1,
10.	Silver Gull	Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae	Res	30 in photo, P 18.9.2004,	1,2,

### **KEY**

### **Ecological status**

End = Endemic to Island unless otherwise stated, **Res bre** = Resident breeder, **Res** = resident ie breeding not proven or not likely. For seabirds it means they have or should be found in that area: note other refs. **Vag** = Vagrant, **Res/mig** = Part of population migratory, **Sum mig** = Summer migrant, **Win mig** = Winter migrant, **Spr/Aut mig** = Passage migrant in Spring and Autumn, **Intro** = Introduced.

#### Abundance

R = rare, S = scarce, UC = uncommon, MC = moderately common, LC = locally common, C = common, VC = very common, A = abundant, P = present.

Colour coding applies only to one species on a particular list. eg. An abundance comment in red for the Brown Booby refers to the Ref # in Red for that species only.

Alternate Island Names & alternate common Bird Names are recorded in two separate spreadsheet files.

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