

Fabre Island Bird Checklist

D'Entrecasteaux Reef Islands, New Caledonia

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	?	27 flying in this direction 60km to S, 5 also 100km to E,	2,
2.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	?	18 Ads 1 imm 50-60km S flying towards island Jun 07,	2,
3.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	?	F 40 km to Sth Jun 2007, Juv 130km to NE,	2,
4.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion a. anaethetus</i>	Win mig	14 in ones & twos 40-50 km to S heading N, 22 in grps 1-3 40-100km E flying to W Jun 2007, 20 Ad 1 Juv 90-170 km E, Not found in Sum. In Sum are breeding off SW Grande Terre,	1,2,3,
5.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res bre	Bre in lge numbers	1,
6.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous tenuirostris minutes</i>	Res bre	Bre in large numbers	1,

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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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