

Hunter Island Bird Checklist

New Caledonia

This island is also claimed by Vanuatu.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res bre	1 offshore on water 26 Jun 1974,	2,5,
2.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res bre	2,000 present 26 June 1974.	1,5,
3.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	Hundreds present 26 Jun 1974,	1,
4.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	200-300 over island 25 Jun 1974,	1,3,
5.	Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata serrata</i>	Res bre	Lge colonies 10,000 on NW of island. Breeding, 20 obs 139km ENE of island 8.7.1962,	1,4,5,6,
6.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	P,	2,4,
7.	White Tern	<i>Gygis a. alba</i>	Res bre	P,	2,4,
8.	Grey Ternlet	<i>Procelsterna albivitta</i>	Res bre	Uncommon	2,

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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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