

Surprise Island Bird Checklist

D'Entrecasteaux Reef Islands, New Caledonia

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	Common, Breeding ,	1,2,5,10,
2.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res bre	P, 3 reports of breeding,	3,5,10,
3.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	Good numbers , 27 Ads 40 km to S flying N Jun 2007, 15 Ad 3 Juv 90-170 km to E & flying towards Island Jun 07, 3 br recs,	3,5,8,10,
4.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res bre	C, P , Large Colony 1996, 2 br records,	3,4,5,7,10,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	18 Ads 1 imm 40-50km S flying towards island Jun 07,	5,8,
6.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata m. minor</i>	Res	Present, Recorded breeding by 4 reports,	3,5,10,
7.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res Bre	Breeding Apr-Aug. Breeds , F 40 km to Sth Jun 2007, Juv 130 km to NE,	3,4,5,8,10,
8.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis tourneliere</i>	Res bre	Fairly common, Formerly abundant ,	2,10,
9.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	Nest observed ca 1880 by Layard,	10,
10.	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 40-90km E flying to W Jun 2007, 20 Ad 1 Juv 100-170 km E, Not found in Sum. In Sum are breeding off SW Grande Terre ,	6,7,8,9,
11.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res bre	Lge colonies, 2 bre records ,	2,6,10,
12.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res bre	1 bre record,	10,
13.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	2 bre records,	10,
14.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res bre	1 bre record,	10,
15.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res bre	1 bre record by Layard,	10,

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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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