

# Ahu Systematic Bird Check List

## (Ninigo Islands) Bismarck Archipelago, PNG.

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	Vag	2 coll by Coultas May 1934.	2,
2.	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Sum mig	Small groups on lagoon side 1970.	2,
3.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res bre	Singles obs Aug 1970.	1,2,
4.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res bre	A on lagoon side Aug 1970.	1,2,
5.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res bre	C on lagoon side Aug 1970.	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.**

### REFERENCES

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