

Matthew Island Bird Checklist

Vanuatu

[This island is also claimed by New Caledonia]

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Black-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i>	Res	P, Breeding ,	1,3,7,
2.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res bre	Small colony , 1 offshore on water 26 Jun 1974, br rec.	2,3,5,7,
3.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus dorotheae</i>	Res bre	br record,	7,
4.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res Bre	2000 over island 26 Jun 1974.	3,5,6,
5.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	Hundreds present 26 Jun 1974, 3 bre records ,	6,7,
6.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	200-300 over island 25 Jun 1974,	6,
7.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	P,	7,
8.	Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata serrata</i>	Res bre	Lge colonies 10,000 on NW of island. Breeding , 5 bre records ,	1,4,5,6,7,
9.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	P, 4 bre records ,	2,4,7,
10.	White Tern	<i>Gygis a. alba</i>	Res bre	P, 2 bre records ,	2,4,7,
11.	Grey Ternlet	<i>Procelsterna caerulea</i>	Res bre	UC, 2 bre records ,	2,7,

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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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