

Keats Island Bird Checklist

Yorke Group

Torres Strait Australia.

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#n	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	Res	1 obs 2.6 km W of island 17 th Nov 2008,	2,
2.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P,	1,
3.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	250 obs 3 km NW & 1000 2.6 km W of island 17 th Nov 2008,	2,
4.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	200 obs 2.6 km to W 17 th Nov 2008,	2,
5.	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Res	1 obs 2.4 km to NW & 2 at 2.6 km W 17 th Nov 2008,	2,
6.	Yellow-bellied Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Res bre	C,	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.

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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