

# Layoak Islet Bird Checklist

## Bourke Grp

### Torres Strait Australia.

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#n	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Pied Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Res/mig	P,	1,
2.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	Res	1 obs 4 km to NE & 1 1.5 km to SE 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008,	2,
3.	Australian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>	Res	P,	1,
4.	Eastern Reef Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Res	P,	1,
5.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Res	P,	1,
6.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	P,	1,
7.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	20 obs 2 km to SE 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008,	2,
8.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	P,	1,
9.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	P,	1,
10.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	P, 1 obs 3 km S 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008,	1,2,
11.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	C.	1,

#### 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.

**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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