

Avon South Isle Bird Checklist

Chesterfield Group, New Caledonia

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
|----|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| 1. | Lesser Frigatebird | <i>Fregata a. ariel</i> | Res bre | 1 bird present Dec 1990, | 1, |
| 2. | Great Frigatebird | <i>Fregata minor</i> | Res bre | 2 birds present Dec 1990, | 1, |
| 3. | Red-footed Booby | <i>Sula sula rubripes</i> | Res | 14 birds present Dec 1990, | 1, |
| 4. | Brown Booby | <i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i> | Res | 20 birds present Dec 1990, | 1, |
| 5. | Buff-banded Rail | <i>Gallirallus philippensis</i> | Res bre | P Apr-May 1859, | 1, |
| 6. | Sooty Tern | <i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i> | Res | Pr coll May 1859, 500 birds present Dec 1990, | 1, |
| 7. | Black-naped Tern | <i>Sterna sumatrana</i> | Res | 3 birds Dec 1990, | 1, |
| 8. | Brown Noddy | <i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i> | Res | 10 birds Dec 1990, | 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 **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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