

# Chesterfield Islands Bird Checklist

## New Caledonia

[Often used instead of naming one of 11 islets]  
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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res bre	Breeding Oct 1977, <b>Breeds on Long &amp; Loop ISI,</b>	5,7,
2.	Herald Petrel	<i>Pterodroma heraldica</i>	Res bre	2 coll. BMNH, <b>Mus Vic also has one,</b>	5,7,
3.	White-faced Storm-petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	Res?	Several obs June 2007,	8,
4.	Black-bellied Storm-petrel	<i>Fregatta tropica</i>	Res?	Several obs Jun 2007,	8,
5.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res bre	3 reports, <b>nests &amp; eggs Long 26 Sep 1957, Terry Walker</b> <b>reported it still breeding there,</b>	5,7,
6.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	Res bre	5 reports of breeding, <b>Pro bobs Apr-May 1859, eggs &amp; yng on</b> 5,7, <b>Long and Anchorage Apr 1973, Poss starting br on Loop 18</b> <b>Apr 1974, Nests on Long 26 Sep 1957, 60 nest with eggs &amp;</b> <b>yng 4 oct 1977,</b>	
7.	Little Black Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>	Vag	1 report, <b>10 obs 2-3 Oct 1977 on Loop then on Anchorage</b>	5,7,
8.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	<b>P, P Apr-May 1859, Br 26 Sep 1957 on Long, Starting to br</b> 2,3,7, <b>Anchorage islets Apr 1973, Had nestlings at Loop 18 Apr 1974,</b> <b>55 br on Loop 2-3 Oct 1977, few br on Anchorage &amp; Long 4</b> <b>Oct 1977,</b>	
9.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res <b>bre</b>	<b>P, 5 br records, On Long Apr-May 1859, eggs on Long 26 Sep</b> 2,3,5,7, <b>1957, eggs &amp; yng Apr 1973 &amp; nest building on Loop, 300</b> <b>nests at all stages on Loop 2-3 Oct 1977 (both morphs) few on</b> <b>Anchorage and Long 4 Oct 1974,</b>	
10.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	<b>Small colonies, 3 bre records, Long Island 26 Sep 1957, 21 on</b> 1,3,5,7, <b>Loop 2-3 Oct 1977, The most common on Anchorage and</b> <b>Long 4 Oct 1977,</b>	
11.	Australasian Gannet	<i>Sula serrator</i>	Res	Obs Apr-May 1859 along with other 3 species,	7,
12.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res	Obs flying Apr-May 1859, 1863, Apr 1973 over islets,	7,
13.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	Obs flying to sea 17 Apr 1974,	7,
14.	Eastern Great Egret	<i>Ardea modesta</i>	Vag	1 obs 19 Jun 2007,	8,
15.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis</i>	Res bre	<b>MC, C, F coll May 1859 Mus Vic, Obs Long Isl Apr-May</b> <b>1859, Sev seen on Loop 18 Apr 1974, 1 obs 2-3 Oct 1977, 1</b> <b>on Anchorage and sev on Long 4 Oct 1977,</b>	1,5,7,
16.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis f. fulva</i>	Sum mig	Obs, <b>4 obs on Anchorage 4 Oct 1977, on Loop Nov 1968,</b>	5,7,

17.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	P, 12 obs on Loop 2-3 Oct 1977, some on Anchorage & Long 5,7, next day,
18.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris a. alba</i>	Sum mig	Obs, 1 on Anchorage 4 Oct 1977, 5,7,
	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa i. incanus</i>	Sum mig	Prob this spec obs Feb-Apr 1999, 5,
19.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	Obs by Terry Walker, 7,
20.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res bre	Lge colonies, 6 bre records, Obs Apr 1859, Lge chicks (many 1,4,5,7, dead) on Loop Apr 1973, thousands bre Sep 1973 on Ch isles, 2-3000 with yng on Loop Oct 1977, Some on Anchorage and Loop early Oct 1977, Less common 18 Apr 1974,
21.	Fairy Tern	<i>Sternula nereis exsul</i>	Res bre	2 bre records, 2 eggs 25 young Jun 1976, 12 on Anchorage sev 5,6,7,8, on Long 4 Oct 1977 as dis Terry Walker later, - but Little & Fairy v sim in this region! 20 Jun 2009,
22.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	Obs on Anchorage Apr 1973, 2 obs there 4 Oct 1977, 7,
23.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii cristatus</i>	Res bre	3 bre records, 5-6 birds with eggs on Loop 18 Apr 1974, 2 5,7, obs on Loop 4 Oct 1977,
24.	White Tern	<i>Gygis a. alba</i>	Res bre	1 bre record, Seen flying in May, 5,9,
25.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	P, 4 bre records, P Apr-May 1859, Many eggs taken Jul 1863, 2,4,5,7, Eggs & Chicks Sep 1973 & 1975, 600 with few lge yng on Loop 2-3 Oct 1977, with noddies outnumbering Sooty terns on Anchorage & Long, Many inc on Loop 18 Apr 1974, Terry Walker found it a common breeder,
26.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res bre	3 bre records, Eggs & chicks 18 Apr 1973, -starting to inc on 5,7, Loop, Terry Walker found many old nests Dec 1990,
	[Grey Noddy	<i>Procelsterna cerulea</i>	Vag?	Reported adj to here on <i>Herald's</i> track charts but sm terns not 7, eliminated]
27.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae forsteri</i>	Vag	1 record, 5,

## 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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