

Fabre Island Bird Checklist

D'Entrecasteaux Reef Islands, New Caledonia

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
|----|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|------------|
| 1. | Masked Booby | <i>Sula dactylatra personata</i> | ? | 27 flying in this direction 60km to S, 5 also 100km to E, | 2, |
| 2. | Brown Booby | <i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i> | ? | 18 Ads 1 imm 50-60km S flying towards island Jun 07, | 2, |
| 3. | Lesser Frigatebird | <i>Fregata a. ariel</i> | ? | F 40 km to Sth Jun 2007, Juv 130km to NE, | 2, |
| 4. | Bridled Tern | <i>Onychoprion a. anaethetus</i> | Win mig | 14 in ones & twos 40-50 km to S heading N, 22 in grps 1-3 40-100km E flying to W Jun 2007, 20 Ad 1 Juv 90-170 km E, Not found in Sum. In Sum are breeding off SW Grande Terre, | 1,2,3, |
| 5. | Sooty Tern | <i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i> | Res bre | Bre in lge numbers, many hundreds or this or prev sp in air, | 1,4, |
| 6. | Black Noddy | <i>Anous tenuirostris minutus</i> | Res bre | Bre in large numbers, 1 in photo foreground, more on beach, | 1,4, |

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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