

Kouaré Islet Bird Checklist

(Sthn Lagoon) Off New Caledonia

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
|----|-------------------------|--|--------------|--|------------|
| 1. | Black-winged Petrel | <i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i> | Res bre | 2-10 pr bred 1993-99, | 4, |
| 2. | Tahiti Petrel | <i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i> | Res bre | 1 pr bred 1993-1999, | 4, |
| 3. | Wedge-tailed Shearwater | <i>Ardenna pacificus</i> | Res bre | Ad & chicks Dec, 12,001-20,000 br prs 1993-99, | 2,4, |
| 4. | Sooty Tern | <i>Onychoprion fuscata</i> | Res | Obs Dec 1974, 4 in photo, | 2,3, |
| 5. | Bridled Tern | <i>Sterna anaethetus</i> | Res bre | >60 pr bred 1993-99, | 4, |
| 6. | Roseate Tern | <i>Sterna dougallii</i> | Res bre | >250 pr bred 1993-1999, | 4, |
| 7. | Fairy Tern | <i>Sternula neris exsul</i> | Res bre | sm colony 1990-2000, | 1, |
| 8. | Brown Noddy | <i>Anous stolidus</i> | Res | 20 in photo, | 3, |
| 9. | Black Noddy | <i>Anous minutus</i> | Res bre | Many died by being glued to Pisonia seed heads Dec 1974, >10,000 pr bred 1993-99, | 2,4, |
| 8. | Silver Gull | <i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i> | Res | 2 in photo, 11-25 pr bred 1993-99, | 3,4, |

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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