

# Maître Islet Bird Checklist (Southern Lagoon) New Caledonia

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| #  | Common Name             | Scientific Name                       | Ecol. Status | Abundance                                                                         | References |
|----|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Black-winged Petrel     | <i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i>         | Res bre      | Br prior to 1988, 2-10 pr bred 1993-99,                                           | 1,6,       |
| 2. | Wedge-tailed Shearwater | <i>Ardenna pacificus</i>              | Res bre      | 2,001-5,500 br prs 1993-99,                                                       | 5,         |
| 3. | Buff-banded Rail        | <i>Rallus philippensis swindellsi</i> | Res bre      | Abundant,                                                                         | 1,         |
| 4. | Ruddy Turnstone         | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>             | Sum mig      | 24 obs Jan 1999, 1 obs 25 Jan 2003 & 12 Dec 2004, & 2 obs 9 Apr 2005,             | 1,3,       |
| 5. | Sanderling              | <i>Calidris a. alba</i>               | Sum mig      | 2 obs in Jan & 1 in Sep 1999, 1 obs Feb 2002, 2 obs 9 Apr 2006,                   | 1,2,4,     |
| 6. | Little Tern             | <i>Sternula albifrons</i>             | Vag          | 11 obs 25 Mar 2001, 1 obs 17 Feb 2002, P Apr 2004, 29-42 obs Dec-Jan, (2003-04?), | 1,2,       |
| 7. | Fairy Tern              | <i>Sternula nereis exsul</i>          | Res,         | 60 Ad & Imm obs Apr 2004, 35 obs Jan-Feb 2007,                                    | 2,5,       |

## 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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