

# Mato Islet Bird Checklist

## (Sthn Lagoon) Off New Caledonia

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res bre	c 500 pr breed here, 1993-99,	3,5,
2.	Black-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i>	Res bre	40-50 pr breed here, 1993-99,	3,5,
3.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>	Res bre	largest br pop in Sthn Lagoon = 70+ birds br Sep to Apr, 93-99,	3,5,
4.	Eastern Osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>	Res	3 in Chesher's photo,	4,
5.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	1 in photo, P 18.9.2004,	1,2,
6.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Res	3 in photo	1,
7.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	Res	2 in photo	1,
8.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Res	70 in photo,	1,
9.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	40 in photo	1,
10.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res	30 in photo, P 18.9.2004,	1,2,

### 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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