

Observatory (Caye de l'observatoire) Cay Bird Checklist

Chesterfield Reefs

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Res	Obs offshore in May,	3,
2.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula personata</i>	Res bre	Br Sept 1858,	4,
3.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Res bre	Br Sep 1858,	4,
4.	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Sum mig	1 coll May 1859,	4,
5.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i>	Res	Many br Sep 1858, 100+ in photo,	2,4.
6.	Fairy Tern	<i>Sternula neris exsul</i>	Res bre	P Sep 1858,	1,
7.	Black Noddy,	<i>Anous minutus</i>	Res	1 coll May 1859,	4,
8.	Tree Martin	<i>Hirundo nigricans</i>	Vag	1 coll May 1859,	4,

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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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