

Ahu Systematic Bird Check List

(Ninigo Islands) Bismarck Archipelago, PNG.

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| # | Common Name | Scientific Name | Ecol. Status | Abundance | References |
|----|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Yellow Bittern | <i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i> | Vag | 2 coll by Coultas May 1934. | 2, |
| 2. | Common Tern | <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | Sum mig | Small groups on lagoon side 1970. | 2, |
| 3. | Crested Tern | <i>Thalasseus bergii</i> | Res bre | Singles obs Aug 1970. | 1,2, |
| 4. | Black Noddy | <i>Anous minutus</i> | Res bre | A on lagoon side Aug 1970. | 1,2, |
| 5. | White Tern | <i>Gygis alba</i> | Res bre | C on lagoon side Aug 1970. | 1,2, |

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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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