

# Matthew Island Bird Checklist

## New Caledonia

[This island is also claimed by Vanuatu]

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	Black-winged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma nigripennis</i>	Res	P, <b>Breeding</b> ,	1,3,7,
2.	Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Res	P Mar & Apr	8.
3.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res <b>bre</b>	<b>Small colony</b> , 1 offshore on water 26 Jun 1974, <b>br rec. P</b> ,	2,3,5,7,8,
4.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus dorotheae</i>	Res <b>bre</b>	br record,	7,
5.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res <b>Bre</b>	2000 over island 26 Jun 1974.	3,5,6,
6.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	Hundreds present 26 Jun 1974, <b>3 bre records</b> , <b>P Dec</b> ,	6,7,8,
7.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res	200-300 over island 25 Jun 1974,	6,
8.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum <b>mig</b>	P,	7,
9.	Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata serrata</i>	Res <b>bre</b>	<b>Lge colonies 10,000 on NW of island. Breeding</b> , <b>5 bre records</b> ,	1,4,5,6,7,
10.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res <b>bre</b>	P, <b>4 bre records</b> ,	2,4,7,
11.	White Tern	<i>Gygis a. alba</i>	<b>Res bre</b>	P, <b>2 bre records</b> ,	2,4,7,
12.	Grey Ternlet	<i>Procelsterna caerulea</i>	Res <b>bre</b>	UC, <b>2 bre records</b> ,	2,7,

### 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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