

Surprise Island Bird Checklist

D'Entrecasteaux Reef Islands, New Caledonia

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#	Common Name	Scientific Name	Ecol. Status	Abundance	References
1.	White-necked Petrel	<i>Pterodroma cervicalis</i>	Res?	1 obs Mar 2009, to east,	15,
2.	Gould's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma leucoptera</i>	Res	2 obs Mar 2009 to east,	15,
3.	Tahiti Petrel	<i>Pseudobulweria rostrata</i>	Res	2 obs Mar 2009 to east,	15,
4.	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacificus</i>	Res	Common, Breeding , Obs 20.11.2007. Obs to east Mar 2009,	1,2,5,10,14,15,
5.	Red-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	Res bre	P, 3 reports of breeding, 2 obs 28.11.2006 & 20.11.07,	3,5,10,14,
6.	White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	Res	1 obs to east Mar 2009,	15,
7.	Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	Res	Good numbers , 27 Ads 40 km to S flying N Jun 2007, 15 Ad 3 Juv 90-170 km to E & flying towards Island Jun 07, 3 br rees, 30 obs 28.11.2006, & P 20.11.07, 1 obs to east 2009,	3,5,8,10,12,14, 15,
8.	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	Res bre	C, P, Large Colony 1996, 2 br records, Nests in Pisonia & Faux Tobacco, obs 28.11.2006 & 20.11.07, 3 obs to east 2009,	3,4,5,7,10,11, 14,15,
9.	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	Res	18 Ads 1 imm 40-50km S flying towards island Jun 07, 64 in photo, Obs 28.11.2014 & 20.11.07,	5,8,13,14,
10.	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata m. minor</i>	Res	Present, Recorded breeding by 4 reports, obs 28.11.2006, & 20.11.07,	3,5,10,14,
11.	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata a. ariel</i>	Res Bre	Breeding Apr-Aug. Breeds, F 40 km to Sth Jun 2007, Juv 130 km to NE, obs 28.11.2006 & 20.11.07, 2 obs to east Mar 2009,	3,4,5,8,10,14, 15,
12.	Buff-banded Rail	<i>Rallus philippensis tourneliere</i>	Res bre	Fairly common, Formerly abundant,	2,10,
13.	Beach Thick-knee	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i>	Res bre	Nest observed ca 1880 by Layard,	10,
14.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Sum mig	50 obs 28.11.2006, 62 obs 20.11.07,	14,
15.	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Sum mig	1 obs 28.11.2006,	14,
16.	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>	Sum mig	15 obs 28.11.2006, 4 obs 20.11.07,	14,
17.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Sum mig	2 obs 28.11.2006, 2 obs 20.11.07,	14,
18.	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Sum mig	12 obs 28.11.2006, 13 obs 20.11.07,	14,
19.	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	Sum mig	2 obs 28.11.2006,	14,
20.	White Tern	<i>Gygis alba</i>	Res	3 obs 20.11.2007, 1 obs to east Mar 2009,	14,15,
21.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion a. anaethetus</i>	Win mig	14 in ones & twos 40-50 km to S heading N, 22 in grps 1-3 40-90km E flying to W Jun 2007, 20 Ad 1 Juv 100-170 km E, Not found in Sum. In Sum are breeding off SW Grande Terre, 7 obs 28.11.2006, 6 obs to east Mar 2009,	6,7,8,9,14,15,
22.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscata serrata</i>	Res bre	Lge colonies, 2 bre records, 2 obs to east Mar 2009,	2,6,10,15,
23.	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna s. sumatrana</i>	Res bre	1 bre record, 9 obs 28.11.2006, 26 obs 20.11.07,	10,14,
24.	Fairy Tern	<i>Sternula nereis exsul</i>	Res bre	2 obs Dec 1996, 1 obs 20.11.07,	11,14,

25.	Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	Res	20 obs 28.11.2006, 38 obs 20.11.07,	14,
26.	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Res bre	2 bre records, Eggs in Dec, nestlings Jan. Obs 28.11.2006 & 07, 10, 12, 14,	
27.	Black Noddy	<i>Anous m. minutus</i>	Res bre	1 bre record, obs 28.11.2006 & 20.11.07,	10, 14,
28.	Silver Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i>	Res bre	1 bre record by Layard,	10,
29.	South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	Vag	1 obs to east Mar 2009,	15,

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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