Common Name	Family	Genus species	Notes
Visitors		-	
Pied Oystercatcher	HAEMATOPODIDAE	Haematopus longirostris	
Sooty Oystercatcher	HAEMATOPODIDAE	Haematopus fuliginosus	
Little Black Cormorant	PHALACROCORACIDAE	Phalacrocorax sulcirotris	
Little Pied Cormorant	PHALACROCORACIDAE	Phalacrocorax varius	
Brown Booby	SULIDAE	Sula leucogaster	
Crested Tern	LARIDAE	Sterna bergii	
Lesser Crested Tern	LARIDAE	Sterna bengalensis	
Black Napped Tern	LARIDAE	Sterna sumatrana	
Roseate Tern	LARIDAE	Stern dougallii	
Bridled Tern	LARIDAE	Sterna anaethetus	
Little Tern	LARIDAE	Sterna albifrons	
Shining Bronze Cuckoo	CUCULIDAE	Chrysococcyx lucidus	
Sea Eagle	ACCIPITRIDAE	Haliaeetus leucogaster	
Australian HobbyFALCON	NIDAE Falco	longipennis	
Lesser Frigatebird	FREGATIDAE	Fregata ariel	
Leaden Flycatcher	MUSCICAPIDAE	Myiagra rubecula	
Australian Magpie Lark	GRALLINIDAE	Grallina cyanoleuca	
House Sparrow	PASSERIDAE	Passer domesticus	
Channel-Billed Cuckoo	CUCULIDAE	Scythrops novaehollandia	e

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BIRDS OF HERON ISLAND TWITCHERS LIST



Noddy Tern - Anous minutus

Heron Island is home to numerous land and sea bird species, and provides host to some 100,000 breeding Noddy Terns and Wedgetailed Shearwaters each year. The island also provides refuge for many visiting and migratory bird species.

This bird list is designed as a companion to the "Birds of Heron Island" pictorial guide, to aid in species identification, and to provide a permanent record of the species encountered.

For any enquiries, or to join a guided Bird Watching Tour see the staff at the Information Centre. Enjoy!

Please inform Information Centre staff of any new bird sightings to assist in bird species lists. Thank you.

BIRDS OF HERON ISLAND AND THE CAPRICORN AND BUNKER GROUPS

Common Name	Family	Genus species Notes
Breeding Population	S	
Black Noddy Tern	LARIDAE	Anous minutus
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	PUFFINUS	Puffinus pacificus
Island Residents		
Eastern Reef Egret	ARDEIDAE	Egretta sacra
Buff Banded Rail	RALLIDAE	Rallus philippensis
Silver Eye	ZOSTEROPIDAE	Zosterops lateralis _
Sacred Kingfisher	ALCEDINIDAE	Todiramphus sanctus
Black Faced Cuckoo Shri	ke CAMPEPHAGIDAE	Coracina novaehollandiae_
Silver Gull	LARIDAE	Larus novaehollandiae _
Bar Shouldered Dove	COLUMBIDAE	Geopelia humeralis _
Migratory Waders		
Pacific Golden Plover	CHARADRIIDAE	Pluvialis fulva
Mongolian Plover	CHARADRIIDAE	Charadrius Mongolus _
Wandering Tattler	SCOLOPACIDAE	Tringa brevipes
Grey-tailed Tattler	SCOLOPACIDAE	Tringa incana
Bar-tailed Godwit	SCOLOPACIDAE	Limosa lapponica
Black-tailed Godwit	SCOLOPACIDAE	Limosa limosa
Ruddy Turnstone	SCOLOPACIDAE Arenario	a interpres
Red-necked Stint	SCOLOPACIDAE	Calidris ruficollis
Whimbrel	SCOLOPACIDAE	Numenius phaeopus _

Breeding Populations: Birds that visit annually from October to March to breed.

Residents: Birds that live and breed on Heron Island.

Migratory Waders: Species that breed in the northern hemisphere summer and travel south to

escape the northern hemisphere winter.

Visitors: Birds that roost on Heron Island but do not breed on the island. These birds may breed on

the mainland or on nearby islands in the Capricorn and Bunker Group.