

Seabirds of Sri Lanka's Amazing Maritime

Neritic Seabird Species

Family: Terns (Sternidae)

#	Common Name	Species Name	SL Status	IUCN Status
1	Whiskered tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	CM	Least Concern
2	White-winged tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	CM	Least Concern
3	Black tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	RM	Least Concern
4	Gull-billed tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	R, CM	Least Concern
5	Caspian tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>	R, CM	Least Concern
6	Roseate tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	UM	Least Concern
7	Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo longipennis</i>	R, CM	Not Evaluated
8	Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo tibetana</i>	CM	Not Evaluated
9	White-cheeked tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i>	VRIM	Least Concern
10	Saunders tern	<i>Sterna saundersi</i>	RR	Least Concern
11	Black-naped tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>	RM	Least Concern
12	Little tern	<i>Sternula/Sterna albifrons</i>	CR	Least Concern
13	Lesser crested tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis</i>	R, CM	Not Evaluated
14	Great crested tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii thalassina</i>	CR	Not Evaluated
15	Great crested tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii velox</i>	CR	Not Evaluated
16	Sandwich tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	RM	Least Concern

Family: Gulls (Laridae)

-	Herring gull	<i>Larus argentatus ?</i>	RM	Least Concern
17	'Steppe' gull	<i>Larus [heuglini] barabensis</i>	RIM	Not Evaluated
18	Brown-headed gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>	CM	Least Concern
-	Yellow-legged gull	<i>Larus cachinnans ?</i>	VRIM	Least Concern
19	Lesser black-backed gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	VRIM	Least Concern
20	Slender-billed gull	<i>Larus genei</i>	RM	Least Concern
21	Sooty gull	<i>Larus hemprichii</i>	RM	Least Concern
22	Heuglin's gull	<i>Larus heuglini</i>	CM	Not Evaluated
23	Pallas's gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>	CM	Least Concern
24	Black-headed gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	RM	Least Concern

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Pelagic Seabird Species

Family: Frigate Birds (Fregatidae)

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1	Lesser frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	RIM	Least Concern
2	Great frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	RRM	Least Concern
-	Christmas Island frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i> ?	VRIM	Critically Endangered

Family: Storm-petrels (Hydribatidae)

3	Black-bellied storm-petrel	<i>Fregata tropica</i>	VRIM	Not Evaluated
4	Swinhoe's storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma monorhis</i>	UM	Near Threatened
5	Wilson's storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	CM	Least Concern

Family: Petrels & Shearwaters (Procellariidae)

6	Bulwer's petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	RM	Least Concern
7	Jouanin's petrel	<i>Bulweria fallax</i>	RM	Near Threatened
8	Cape petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	VRIM	Least Concern
9	Barau's petrel	<i>Pterodroma barau</i>	RRM	Endangered
10	White-headed petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessonni</i>	VRIM	Not Evaluated
11	Soft-plumaged petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	VRIM	Least Concern
12	Flesh-footed shearwater	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i>	CM	Least Concern
13	Sooty shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	VRIM	Near Threatened
14	Persian shearwater	<i>Puffinus ihermieneri persicus</i>	CM	Not Evaluated
15	Wedge-tailed shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i>	CM	Least Concern
16	Audubon's shearwater	<i>Puffinus Ihermieneri</i>	VRIM	Not Evaluated
17	Short-tailed shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>	RM	Least Concern

Family: Tropicbirds (Phaethontidae)

18	Red-billed tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	RRM	Least Concern
19	White-tailed tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	RIM	Least Concern

Family: Skuas (Stercorariidae)

20	Brown skua	<i>Catharacta antarctica lonnbergi</i>	UM	Not Evaluated
21	South Polar skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>	RIM	Least Concern
22	Arctic skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	VRIM	Least Concern

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23	Long-tailed skua	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	UM	Least Concern
24	Pomarine skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	UM	Least Concern
Family: Noddies & Terns (Sternidae)				
25	Black noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>	VRIM	Least Concern
26	Brown noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	UM	Least Concern
27	Lesser noddy	<i>Anous tenuirostris</i>	RM	Least Concern
28	Bridled tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus fuligula</i>	CM, R	Not Evaluated
29	Sooty tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus nubilosus</i>	RM	Not Evaluated
Family: Boobies (Sulidae)				
30	Masked booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	RRM	Least Concern
31	Red-footed booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	RIM	Least Concern
32	Brown booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	RRM	Least Concern

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SL Status:

R Resident
 CR Common resident
 RR Rare resident
 CM Common migrant
 UM Uncommon migrant
 RM Rare migrant
 RRM Rare but regular migrant
 RIM Rare and irregular migrant
 VRIM Very rare and irregular migrant (vagrant)