

disturbance from visiting fishermen or yachtsmen; however, traditional harvesting of eggs may have some effect.

Three Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* nests were present in *Pemphis acidula* trees on the island. Although one bird was standing on a nest in May 1994, the nests were not observed to be active in any of the surveys. Three birds observed from the air in July 1996 could have been two adults and a young from that season. White-bellied Sea-Eagles *Haliaeetus leucogaster* were also seen visiting the island. Chatto has observed this species preying on young terns on other Northern Territory islands, but no confirmation of such was seen on this island.

#### Other Seabirds Recorded

<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	Brown Booby
<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Eastern Reef Egret
<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	Sooty Oystercatcher
<i>Larus novaehollandiae</i>	Silver Gull

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