

NUMBERS OF BREEDING SEABIRDS ON PELSAERT ISLAND, HOUTMAN ABROLHOS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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In December 1986, we visited Pelsaert Island, Houtman Abrolhos, Western Australia, and estimated 49 000 occupied breeding burrows of the Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus*, 76 000 current nests of the Common Noddy *Anous stolidus* and 30 000 current nests of the Lesser Noddy *A. tenuirostris*. It was not possible to count the Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata* colony because breeding was too far advanced. It occupied nearly 12 ha and probably included at least as many nests as the Common Noddy colony.