

Table 6 Time table of breeding species of birds in the islands

Breeding Species	First arrival	First egg laying	First hatching	Start of migration
Western Reef Heron <i>Egretta gularis</i>	Mid of March	End of March	First of May	End of August
Lesser Sand Plover <i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	No Information	No Information	No Information	No Information
Saunders's Tern <i>Sterna saundersi</i>	End of April	First of May	No information	No information
Bridle Tern <i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	Mid April	Early May.	Mid of May	Late August
Lesser Crested Tern <i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	First of May	Mid of May	End of May	First of September
Swift Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	First of May	Mid of May	End of May	First of September
White cheeked Tern <i>Sterna repressa</i>	End of April	First of May	End of May	End of August
Gull-billed Tern <i>Sterna nilotica</i>	Mid of April	First of May	End of May	End of August
Caspian Tern <i>Sterna caspia</i>	First of May	Mid of May	End of May	First of September