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Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus pileatus* (Scopoli 1786), Native
14/10/1989 Curtis Island, Kermadec Islands
1840 Norfolk Island

It was recorded on Norfolk Island between 1838-1840 by Stuart (Iredale 1955). Noddies of indeterminate species were recorded by Best on 1/11/1838.

There is an old record from 1885 by Reischek from the east coast of the North Island (Oliver 1930). This specimen cannot now be found at the Vienna Natural History Museum amongst Reischek's extensive collection. Oliver apparently saw the specimen, as he says it is a young bird, of indeterminable subspecies. Another specimen at the Canterbury Museum reported by Buller (1905) as coming from the "high seas" also cannot be verified. Gray (1862) mentioned this species from New Zealand. Cheeseman (1890) stated that Brown Noddy "probably breeds" on the Kermadecs, but this was discounted by Mathews & Iredale (1913). Iredale spent a year on Raoul Island in 1908, and so would have noticed any breeding Noddies.

They were found breeding on Curtis Island in 1989 by A.J.D. Tennyson and G.A. Taylor. At least 25 pairs were noted. The nests were bulky structures on cliff ledges and steep slopes. The first verifiable specimen away from the Kermadecs was a beach-washed immature found on Muriwai Beach on 16/6/1992 by J. Driesen. Another was found dead at Waitara in June 2002.