

A FIRST RECORD OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND FRIGATEBIRD
FREGATA ANDREWSI ON TIMOR

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On 26 June, 1986 I observed an adult Bale Christmas Island Frigatebird *Fregata andrewsi* flying along the coast near Kupang, Timor. The species which is well known to me, was readily identified by the black of the throat extending over the breast to the upper belly; the lower portion of the belly was white. This appears to be the first record of this species on Timor. It occurs in northern Australia as a stray usually after cyclonic conditions (McKean *et al.* 1975; and pers.obs.)

A few Lesser Frigatebirds *F. ariel* were seen along the beach at Kupang during the proceeding week by K.S. Shurrcliff, K. and L. Fisher and myself. Both *F. ariel* and the Greater Frigatebird *F. Minor* are regular visitors to Timor (Andrew, 1986. McKean *et al* 1975, pers. obs; see also white & Bruoe, 1986). Careful scrutiny of frigatebirds in the Lesser Sundas should be made to determine whether or not *F. andrewsi* is a regular visitor.

Ringkasan

Fregata andrewsi diamati pada tanggal 26 Juni 1986 yang terbang sepanjang pantai dekat Kupang, Timor, pengamatan ini merupakan catatan per tana ditemukannya jenis burung ini di Tiaor. Pengamatan selanjutnya diperlukan untuk membuktikan apakah jenis burung ini merupakan "tamun" tetap bagi Pulau Timor.

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