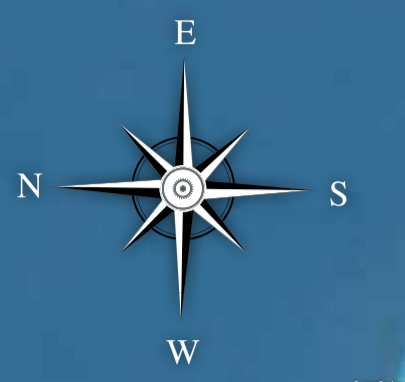


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The Alphonse Group

The Alphonse Group is situated 400km southwest of Victoria, and is composed of three islands including: Alphonse, situated on Alphonse Atoll in the north, and the small islands of Bijoutier and Saint Francois, situated on St Francois Atoll to the south. Despite the presence of man for around 200 years the atolls retain a rich and varied ecosystem that will amaze and inspire anyone that chooses to explore them. The stunning coral reefs that surround Alphonse and the amazing reef flats, mangroves and lagoons of St Francois will provide endless enjoyment for any nature lover.

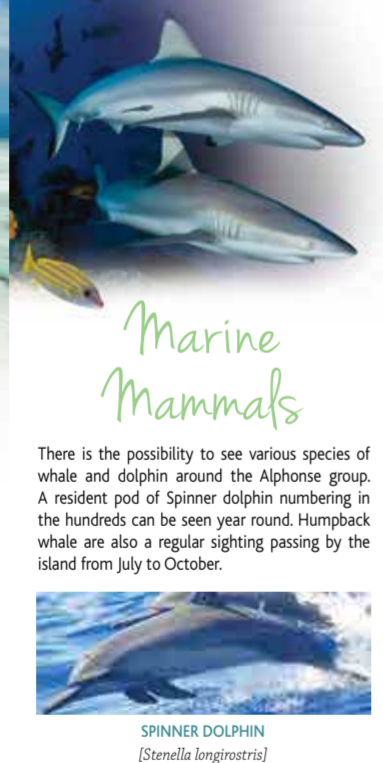
This guide is intended to help visitors find and identify some of the flora and fauna that abounds in the Alphonse group whilst helping to minimise the potential impact on this special place.



ALDABRA GIANT TORTOISE
Torti Zean [*Aldabrachelys gigantea*]

DAY [GREEN] GECKO
[*Phelsuma astricta*]

ASIAN HOUSE GECKO
[*Hemidactylus frenatus*]



Marine Mammals

There is the possibility to see various species of whale and dolphin around the Alphonse group. A resident pod of Spinner dolphin numbering in the hundreds can be seen year round. Humpback whale are also a regular sighting passing by the island from July to October.

SPINNER DOLPHIN
[*Stenella longirostris*]

HUMBACK WHALE
[*Megaptera novaeangliae*]



Sharks

There are a number of species of shark that can be seen on both the reef flats and reef walls. Despite their reputation for being voracious predators sharks are generally quite shy and sightings of these magnificent creatures around the Alphonse group can be very special moments.

SICKLEFIN LEMON SHARK
[*Negaprion acutidens*]

WHITETIP REEF SHARK
[*Triacodon obesus*]

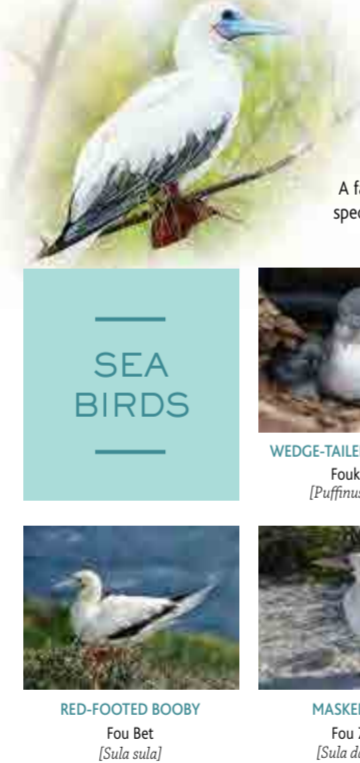
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[*Nebrius ferrugineus*]

SILVERTIP SHARK
[*Carcharhinus albimarginatus*]

GREY REEF SHARK
[*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchus*]

SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD
[*Sphyrna lewini*]

GREAT HAMMERHEAD
[*Sphyrna mokarran*]



Birds of Alphonse

There are wonderful opportunities for bird watchers to get great sightings of a wide variety of species throughout the Alphonse group. A fantastic time is August to May when the migrant species have flown back from their breeding grounds in the high arctic to over-winter in the tropics.

SEA BIRDS

RED-FOOTED BOOBY
Fou Bet
[*Sula sula*]

LESSER FRIGATEBIRD
Pti Fregat
[*Fregata ariel*]

SOOTY TERN
Colet
[*Sterna fuscata*]

BRIDLED TERN
Fansen
[*Sterna anaethetus*]

MASKED BOOBY
Fou Zenero
[*Sula dactylatra*]

GREATER FRIGATEBIRD
Cran Fregat
[*Fregata minor*]

FAIRY TERN
Golani Blan
[*Cygnis alba*]

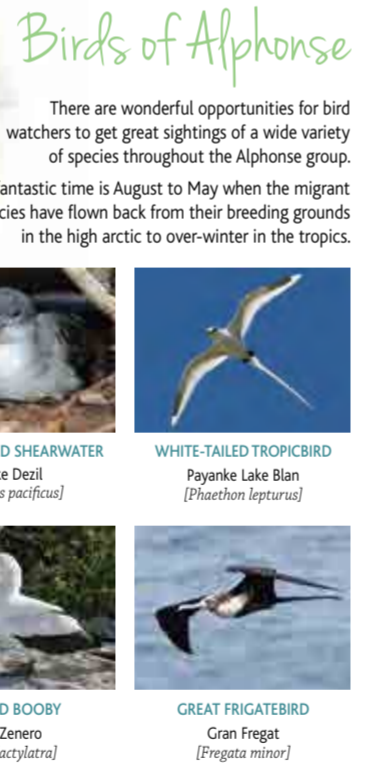
GREATER CRESTED TERN
Golani Sardin
[*Thalassus bergii*]

WHITE-TAILED TROPICBIRD
Payanke Lake Blan
[*Phaethon lepturus*]

WEDGE-TAILED SHEARWATER
Fouke Dezil
[*Puffinus pacificus*]

ROSEATE TERN
Dyanman Roz
[*Sterna dougalli*]

LESSER CRESTED TERN
Pti Golani Sardin
[*Thalassus bengalensis*]



SHORE BIRDS

BLACK-NAPED TERN
Pti Dyanman Sann
[*Sterna sumatrana*]

CRAB PLOVER
Kavalaye Loulou
[*Dromas ardeola*]

WHIMBREL
Korbizo Ordiner
[*Numenius phaeopus*]

COMMON SANDPIPER
Kavalaye Bat Lake
[*Actitis hypoleucos*]

SAUNDERS' TERN
Pti Dyanman Saunders
[*Sterna saundersi*]

LESSER SANDPIPER
Pti Piyaye Ordiner
[*Charadrius mongolus*]

CURLW SANDPIPER
Bekaso Korbizo
[*Calidris ferruginea*]

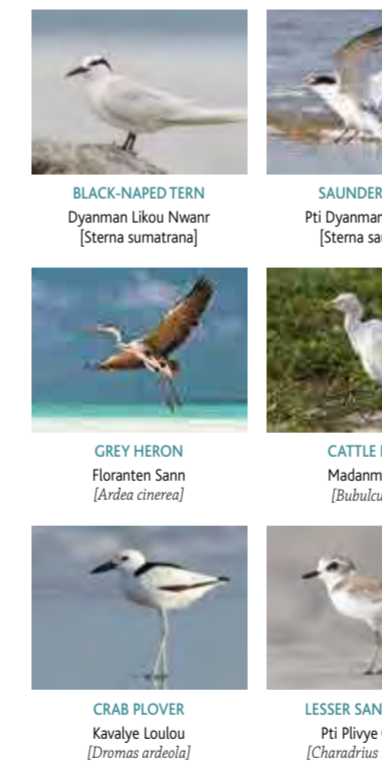
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Bezoz
[*Arenaria interpres*]

GREEN-BACKED HERON
Manik Ordiner
[*Butorides striatus*]

GREATER SANDPIPER
Cran Piyaye Ordiner
[*Charadrius leucurus*]

BAR-TAILED GODWIT
Limoza Lake Aze
[*Limoza lapponica*]

SANDLERLING
Bekaso Blan
[*Calidris alba*]



SHORE BIRDS

GREY PLOVER
Piyaye Sann
[*Pluvialis aquatarola*]

HOUSE SPARROW
Mwano
[*Passer domesticus*]

EUROPEAN ROLLER
Ralye Eropen
[*Coracias garrulus*]

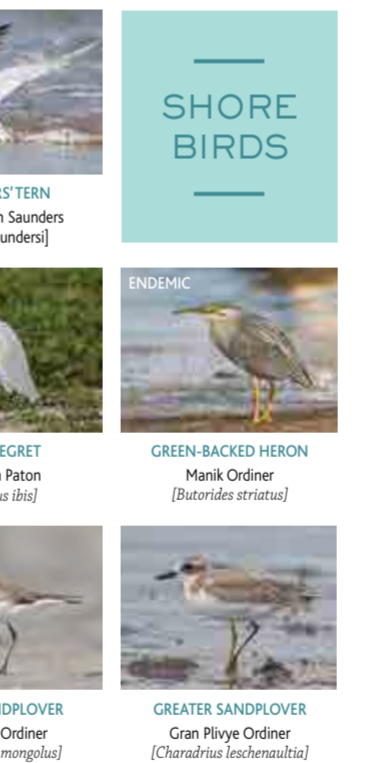
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[*Pluvialis fulva*]

LAND BIRDS

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Bengali
[*Estrilda astrild*]

BROAD-BILLED ROLLER
Ralye Malgas
[*Eurystomus glaucurus*]

GARGANEY
Sarsal Ordiner
[*Anas querquedula*]



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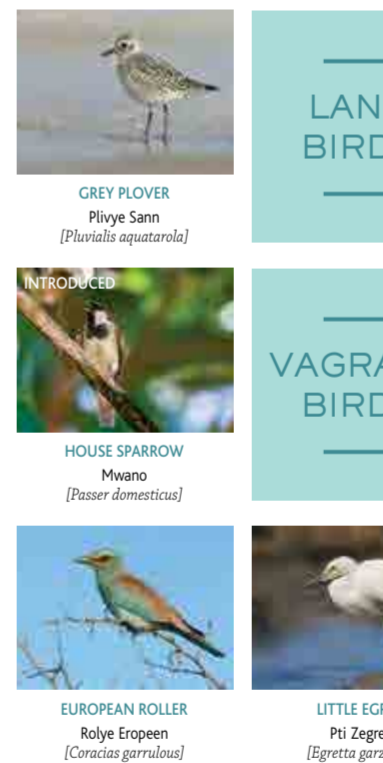
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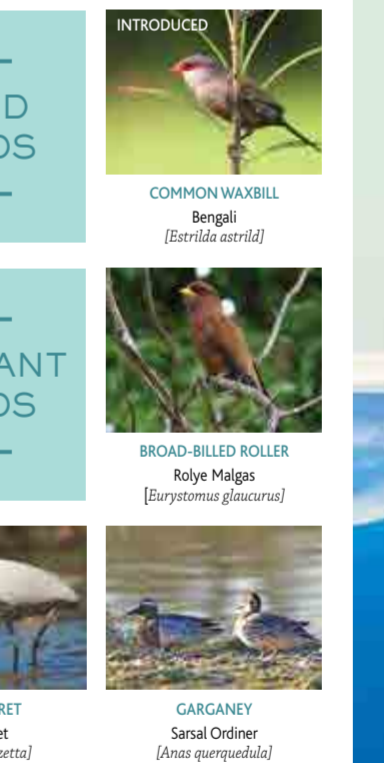
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| | 4.7km Run & Cycle Route | | Diving Sites |
| | Island Paths | | Snorkelling Sites |
| | Forest Exploration Trail | | Popular GT Fishing Spots |
| | Tree Sites (Cycle Route) | | Popular Permit Fishing Spots |
| | Picnic & Sundowner Sites | | Popular Bonefish Fishing Spots |
| | Clinic | | High Tide Swimming Spots |
| | Nesting Bird Colonies | | |

Trees of Alphonse

The Alphonse group was stripped of its native vegetation to make way for the planting of coconuts in the 1860's. Small stands of native trees remain giving a glimpse of what the forest would have looked like before the arrival of man. ENJOY A LEISURELY CYCLE AROUND THE ISLAND ON THE FOREST EXPLORATION TRAIL STOPPING TO VIEW THESE TREES.

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| CORDIA Porse <i>[Cordia subcordata]</i> | PISONIA / BIRD-CATCHER TREE Bwa Mapou <i>[Pisonia grandis]</i> | CASUARINA Sed <i>[Casuarina equisetifolia]</i> |
| | | |
| FRUIT BAT TREE Bwa Sousouri <i>[Ochrosia oppositifolia]</i> | NATIVE MULBERRY Bwa sandre / Bwa sandil <i>[Pipturus argenteus]</i> | RED SANDALWOOD Lagati <i>[Adenanthera pavonina]</i> |
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| SEA / BEACH HIBISCUS Var <i>[Hibiscus tiliaceus]</i> | INDIAN / SEA ALMOND Bodannmyen <i>[Terminalia catappa]</i> | INDIAN MULBERRY Bwa Torti <i>[Morinda citrifolia]</i> |
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| GIANT-LEAVED FIG Lafous gran fey <i>[Ficus lutea]</i> | ALEXANDRIAN LAUREL Takamaka <i>[Calophyllum inophyllum]</i> | WHITEWOOD Bwa blan <i>[Hernandia nymphaeifolia]</i> |
| | | |
| FISH POISON TREE Bonnen Kare bordmer <i>[Barringtonia asiatica]</i> | WHITE CEDAR Kalsidipap <i>[Tabebuia pallida]</i> | TOURNEFORTIA Bwa taba <i>[Tournefortia argentea]</i> |

Land Crabs

Crabs are key components of tropical island ecosystems - land crabs consume forest detritus, recycle nutrients, oxygenate the soil with their burrows and, by feeding on seeds and seedlings, manage forest growth, often preventing the spread of invasive plants.

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| BLUE-BACKED SHORE CRAB Loulou <i>[Geograpsus grayi]</i> | ORANGE LAND CRAB Karkasay <i>[Geograpsus crinipes]</i> | SALLY LIGHT-FOOT CRAB Karkasay <i>[Grapsus tenuicrustatus]</i> |
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| ROUGH RED-EYED / PEBBLE CRAB Loulou <i>[Eriphia sebana]</i> | GIANT MANGROVE CRAB Tyngoman <i>[Cardisoma carnifex]</i> | ROBBER / COCONUT CRAB Sipay / Krab Koko <i>[Birgus latro]</i> |
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| PURPLE HERMIT CRAB Solda <i>[Coenobita brevimanus]</i> | RED HERMIT CRAB Solda <i>[Coenobita perlatus]</i> | TAWNY HERMIT CRAB Solda <i>[Coenobita rugosus]</i> |

Reef Organisms

Coral reefs are composed of the limestone skeletons of reef-building corals, algae and other marine organisms, deposited layer upon layer to form complex structures. They provide vital habitat for a wide range of animals and are home to more than 50% of all the known marine species on the planet. REFER TO THE CORAL REEF FISH GUIDE FOR COMMON FISH SPECIES

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| REEF MANTA RAY <i>Manta alfredi</i> | NUDIBRANCH <i>[Phyllidopsis striata]</i> | FEATHERDUSTER WORM <i>[Sabellastarte sancti-josephi]</i> | HALIMEDA <i>[Halimeda opuntia]</i> |
| | | | |
| CORDIA Porse <i>[Cordia subcordata]</i> | MOON CORAL <i>[Favia]</i> | CACTUS CORAL <i>[Pavona]</i> | BOTTLEBRUSH CORAL <i>[Acropora]</i> |
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| SEA / BEACH HIBISCUS Var <i>[Hibiscus tiliaceus]</i> | BOULDER CORAL <i>[Porites]</i> | PEARL CORAL <i>[Plyogyra]</i> | PAINTED SPINY LOBSTER <i>[Paralithus versicolor]</i> |
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Reef Flats Organisms

Reef flats are shallow areas shoreward of the reef, they often separate a lagoon from the ocean. Reef flats are characterised by coarse coral rubble, algae and sand.

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| WHITE SPOTTED GUITARFISH <i>[Rhynchobatus djiddensis]</i> | WHITETAIL STINGRAY <i>Himantura granulata</i> | PINK WHIPRAY <i>Himantura fai</i> |
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| SPOTTED EAGLE RAY <i>[Aetobatus narinari]</i> | PORCUPINE RAY <i>[Urogymnus asperimus]</i> | SPECKLED / SIDEREAL MORAY EEL Kong <i>[Siderea picta]</i> |
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| WHITE-SPOTTED PUFFERFISH Pitou <i>[Arothron hispidus]</i> | TIGER COWRY Pisaz <i>[Cypraea tigris]</i> | GOLD RINGER Kokiy <i>[Cypraea ornulua]</i> |
| | | |
| PURPLE HERMIT CRAB Loulou <i>[Coenobita brevimanus]</i> | HUMPBACKED CONCH Toloy <i>[Strombus gibberulus]</i> | LOLLYFISH CREOLE <i>[Holothuria atra]</i> |
| | | |
| RED HERMIT CRAB Solda <i>[Coenobita perlatus]</i> | TURTLE GRASS <i>[Gomara]</i> | |

