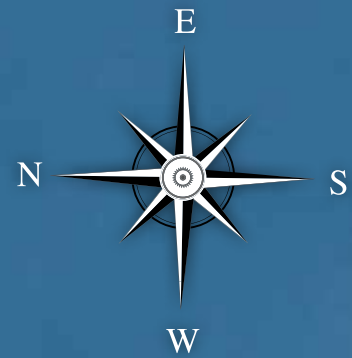


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# Alphonse Island

SEYCHELLES

INDIAN OCEAN

BIJOUTIER ISLAND

INDIAN OCEAN

ST FRANCOIS ISLAND

Yours to Explore and Discover... 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.

## Common Alphonse Sightings



ALDABRA GIANT TORTOISE  
Torti Zean [*Aldabrachelys gigantea*]



DAY [GREEN] GECKO  
[*Phelsuma astraia*]



ASIAN HOUSE GECKO  
[*Hemidactylus frenatus*]



INDO-PACIFIC BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN  
[*Tursiops aduncus*]



SHORT FINNED PILOT WHALE  
[*Globicephala macrorhynchus*]



MELON HEADED WHALE  
[*Peponocephala electra*]



HUMBACK WHALE  
[*Megaptera novaeangliae*]



WHITETIP REEF SHARK  
[*Triaenodon obesus*]



GREY REEF SHARK  
[*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchus*]



SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD  
[*Sphyrna lewini*]



GREAT HAMMERHEAD  
[*Sphyrna mokarran*]

## 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*]



TAWNY NURSE SHARK  
[*Nebrius ferrugineus*]



SILVERTIP SHARK  
[*Carcharhinus albimarginatus*]



## 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.



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



LESSER FRIGATEBIRD  
Pti Fregat  
[*Fregata ariel*]



LESSER NODDY  
Kelek  
[*Anous tenuirostris*]



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BLACK-NAPED TERN  
Dyanman Likou Nwanr  
[*Sterna sumatrana*]



GREY HERON  
Floranten Sann  
[*Ardea cinerea*]



CRAB PLOVER  
Kavalaye Loulou  
[*Dromas ardeola*]



WHIMBREL  
Korbizo Ordiner  
[*Numenius phaeopus*]



COMMON RINGED PLOVER  
Ptiyve Kalye Nwanr  
[*Charadrius hiaticula*]



COMMON SANDPIPER  
Kavalaye Bat Lake  
[*Actitis hypoleucos*]



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



CATTLE EGRET  
Madanm Paton  
[*Bubulcus ibis*]



LESSER SANDPIPER  
Pti Ptiyve Ordiner  
[*Charadrius mongolus*]



COMMON GREENSHANK  
Kavalaye Lapat Ver  
[*Tringa nebularia*]



CURLEW SANDPIPER  
Bekaso Korbizo  
[*Calidris ferruginea*]



RUDDY TURNSTONE  
Bezroz  
[*Arenaria interpres*]



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



GREATER SANDPIPER  
Gran Ptiyve Ordiner  
[*Charadrius leucostriatus*]



BAR-TAILED GODWIT  
Limosa Lake Are  
[*Limosa lapponica*]



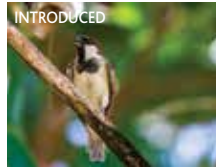
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GREY PLOVER  
Ptiyve Sann  
[*Pluvialis aquatarola*]



HOUSE SPARROW  
Mwano  
[*Passer domesticus*]



EUROPEAN ROLLER  
Rolye Eroepen  
[*Coracias garrulus*]



LESSER KESTREL  
Katiti Latet Sann  
[*Falco naumanni*]



PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER  
Ptiyve Dore  
[*Pluvialis fulva*]



EURASIAN CURLEW  
Gran Korbizo  
[*Numenius arquata*]



VAGRANT BIRDS



LITTLE EGRET  
Pti Zegret  
[*Egretta garzetta*]



GARGANEY  
Sarsal Ordiner  
[*Anas querquedula*]



LITTLE RINGED PLOVER  
Pti Ptiyve Kalye Nwanr  
[*Charadrius dubius*]



LITTLE RINGED PLOVER  
Pti Ptiyve Kalye Nwanr  
[*Charadrius dubius*]



COMMON WAXBILL  
Bengali  
[*Estrilda astrild*]



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



GARGANEY  
Sarsal Ordiner  
[*Anas querquedula*]



EURASIAN HOBBY  
Katiti Kannon Rouz  
[*Falco subbuteo*]



## Map & Guide

THE ALPHONSE GROUP

More than just White  
Beaches and Palm Trees...

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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		

### 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 FISHES GUIDE FOR COMMON FISH SPECIES



REEF MANTA RAY  
*Manta alfredi*



NUDIBRANCH  
*[Physidopsis striata]*



FEATHERDUSTER WORM  
*[Sabellaster sancti-josephi]*



HALIMEDA  
*[Halimeda opuntia]*



MOON CORAL  
*[Favia]*



CACTUS CORAL  
*[Pavona]*



BOTTLEBRUSH CORAL  
*[Acropora]*



BIRD'S NEST CORAL  
*[Seriatopora]*



HONEYCOMB CORAL  
*[Goniastrea]*



MUSHROOM CORAL  
*[Fungia]*



BOULDER CORAL  
*[Porites]*



PEARL CORAL  
*[Physogyra]*



PAINTED SPINY LOBSTER  
*[Panulirus versicolor]*



GIANT CLAM  
*[Tridacna sp.]*



HAWSBILL TURTLE  
*[Eretmochelys imbricata]*



GREEN TURTLE  
*[Chelonia mydas]*

### 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.



WHITE SPOTTED GUITARFISH  
*[Rhynchobatus djiddensis]*



WHITETAIL STINGRAY  
*Himantura granulata*



PINK WHIPRAY  
*Himantura fai*



SPOTTED EAGLE RAY  
*[Aetobatus narinari]*



PORCUPINE RAY  
*[Urogymnus asperimus]*



SPECKLED / SIDEREAL MORAY EEL  
*Kong [Sidera picta]*



WHITE-SPOTTED PUFFERFISH  
*[Arothron hispidus]*



TIGER COWRY  
*Pisla [Cypraea tigris]*



GOLD RINGER  
*Kokiy [Cypraea annulus]*



HUMPBACKED CONCH  
*Toloy [Strombus gibberulus]*



LOLLYFISH CREOLE  
*[Holothuria atra]*



TURTLE GRASS  
*[Gomani]*

### 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.



HORN-EYED GHOST CRAB  
*Loulou Grangalo [Ocypode ceratophthalmus]*



PURPLE-HANDED GHOST CRAB  
*Loulou Grangalo [Ocypode cordimana]*



BLUE-BACKED SHORE CRAB  
*Loulou [Geograpsus grayi]*



ORANGE LAND CRAB  
*Karkasay [Geograpsus crinipes]*



SALLY LIGHT-FOOT CRAB  
*Karkasay [Grapsus tenuicrustatus]*



ROUGH RED-EYED / PEBBLE CRAB  
*Loulou [Eriphia sebana]*



GIANT MANGROVE CRAB  
*Tyngoman [Cardioma carnifex]*



ROBBER / COCONUT CRAB  
*Sipay / Krab Koka [Birgus latro]*



PURPLE HERMIT CRAB  
*Solda [Coenobita brevimanus]*



RED HERMIT CRAB  
*Solda [Coenobita perlatus]*



TAWNY HERMIT CRAB  
*Solda [Coenobita rugosus]*

