

Bridled Tern at Dovercourt
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I found the tern on the beach in the late afternoon and being more of a photographer than a birdwatcher I approached to take some pictures. It did not seem very active at all and appeared quite determined to get some sleep. Several dogs had run by without disturbing the bird before I passed by and saw it just sitting there. The limiting factor to how close I could get was down to the muddy terrain and not the fact the bird seemed agitated in any way! Little did I know just how rare a find this was!

