

### 3. Extreme Families

#### White Tailed Tropic Bird (*Phaethon lepturus*)

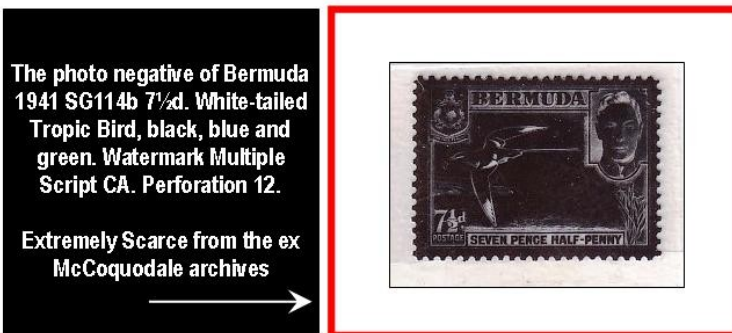
**Attribute** - Taking almost a year out of breeding

### 3.3 Most Relaxed Breeder

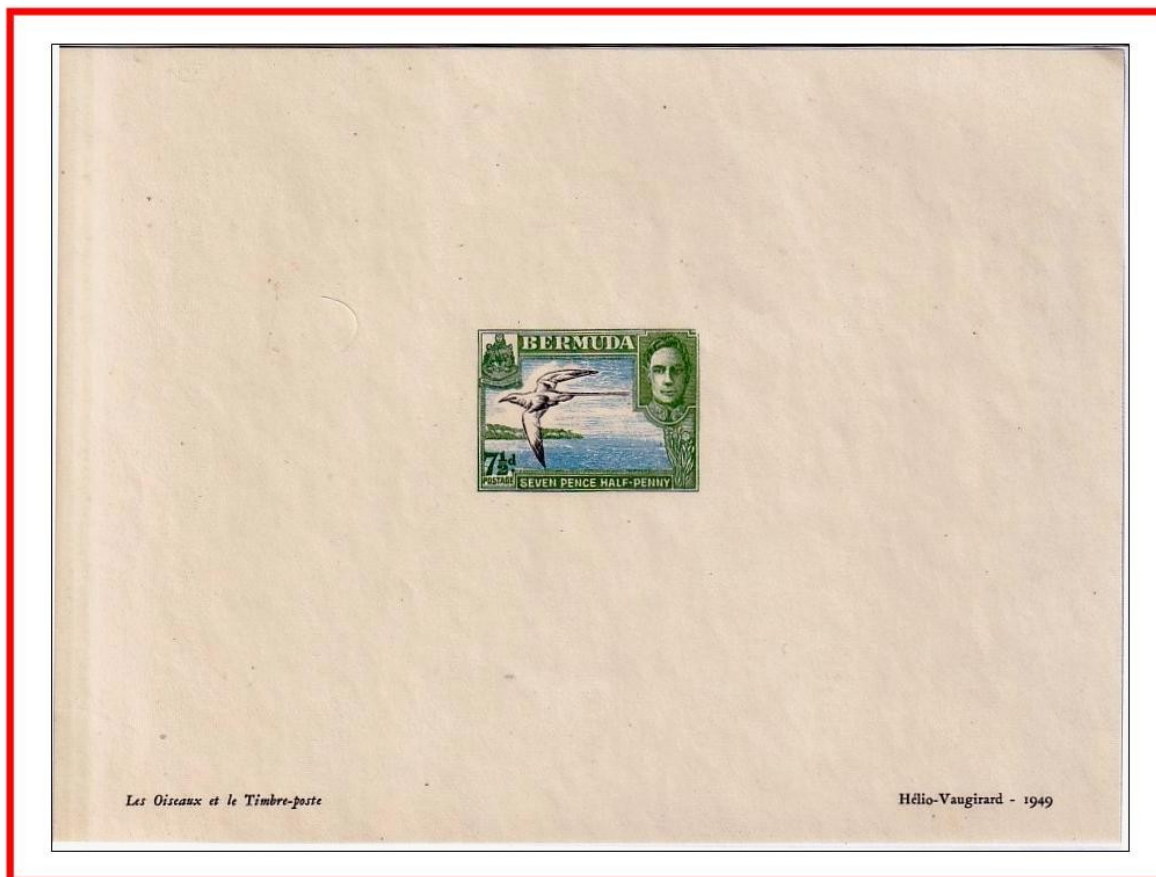
EXTREME BIRDS

**Geographical Distribution** – Antarctic and sub Antarctic waters

The idea of taking a “sabbatical” from breeding might be unthinkable for most birds, but for seabirds it is less unusual. Among snow petrels, whose feeding resources are linked to the amount of sea ice, a given individual will breed in only 52 percent of the seasons available to it during its life span of about 20 years. These birds take very long time to mature in the first place, and more often than not, they wait until they are nine years old before they actually breed.



2010. QR Code and tropic bird in flight, on Meter cut-Germany



1941, 7½d, White Tailed Tropic bird  
1949 Australia Helio-Vaugirard Proof of the 1928 3d Laughing Kookaburra bird with inscription, 'Les Oiseaux et le Timbre-poste' at left and "Helio-Vaugirard - 1949" at bottom right .