

## New Caledonia 1942 Proofs(French overseas territory)

CV 2014 R12000+  
LP R5500

New Caledonia was discovered by Captain Cook on 4 September 1774. It was seized by the French in 1853 and colonized by them. It remained a French colony throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1940 it initially supported Vichy France, but declared for de Gaulle soon afterwards. It became a French overseas territory in 1946 and remained such ever since. During WW11 some stamps were prepared for use under the short-lived Vichy regime but these were never issued.

The 1938/40 air set (SG 217/222) showed the Brequet BR 590 Saigon Flying Boat with "RF" in bottom left hand corner and value in bottom right hand corner, as per the 7f value below.



Then in 1942 the Vichy Government ordered a revised design which dropped the "RF" and replaced it with the value. See on next page the DE LUXE PROOF of the 5f and 10f values which are SCARCE. Below also are the 1942 PLATE PROOFS signed on the back by A Brun. Considered very RARE.







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French New Caledonia: Scarce 1938 Vichy Air Proofs