

## FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER

*Puffinus carneipes*

non-breeding visitor, occasional

monotypic

Flesh-footed Shearwaters breed on Lord Howe Island and on islands off NE New Zealand in Oct-Apr and disperse widely throughout the temperate N Pacific, N to the Bering Sea; another group breeds on islands S and W of Australia and disperses into the Indian Ocean (King 1967, Harrison 1983, AOU 1998). In the Hawaiian Islands they have occurred sporadically in Apr-May and Sep-Nov enroute to and from the N Pacific.

*At sea*, Flesh-footed Shearwaters have been recorded uncommonly from research survey cruises in Northwestern waters. POBSP personnel collected an adult male 287 km S of Laysan 15 Sep 1964 (USNM 493804) and sighted another 200 km SW of Kaula Rock 22 Apr 1965. In fall 2002, during 58 days of observing from W of Kure to E of Nihoa, Rowlett (2002) recorded 4 birds flying south: one 325 km W of Kure 17 Sep; one 260 km NE of Laysan 22 Sep; one 240 km NE of Nihoa 27 Sep; and one 295 km NE of Nihoa 11 Oct. The only at-sea record for Southeastern Hawaiian Island waters is for a bird observed <185 km S of Hawai'i I 13 Nov 1989. Rowlett (2002) recorded none in 35 observing days in Southeastern Island waters in fall 2002, Spear et al. (1999) reported none S and E of Hawai'i in 72 hrs at sea during spring and fall 1984-1991, and King (1970) found none in Hawaiian waters during monthly cruises in 1964-1965, but did record at least 7 outside of Hawaiian Island waters (beyond 370 km) E and S of the islands.

In the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*, one was observed during a single-day offshore trip 9 km S of Sand I. *Midway*, 14 May 1998. In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, Flesh-footed Shearwaters were observed several times in 1986-1987 within 18 km offshore of Kailua-Kona, *Hawai'i I* (David 1989): 5 Apr 1986 ([HRBP](#) 0474-0478, 0724; published *E* 49:38), 2 on 20 Apr 1986 ([HRBP](#) 0724), 10 Oct 1986 ([HRBP](#) 0728-0729; published *E* 49:39), and 2 on 20 Nov 1987. This species has also been reported off Kaua'i (3 Aug 2003) and O'ahu (29 Mar 1990 and 20 Oct 1990) without confirming details.

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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