

Phoenix Petrel

Pterodroma alba

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

King (1970) reported sightings of 4 birds of either Phoenix or Tahiti Petrel in Hawaiian waters during monthly surveys at sea Mar 1964-June 1965 (see [Tahiti Petrel](#)), and later (*in litt.*) indicated that one observed 300-425 km SE of Hawai'i I 10 Nov 1964, which may or may not have been in Hawaiian waters, was most likely a Phoenix Petrel. Two birds were also reported at sea 275 km N of O'ahu in early Nov 1976 (Gould 1983), and King (1967) mentions that small numbers have been recorded in the c. Pacific, N to the Hawaiian Islands. Although the AOU (1983 in Appendix) included Phoenix Petrel on their list of accepted sight records based on these reports, none are considered by us to have been substantially identified to the exclusion of Tahiti Petrel (Pyle 1988, AOU 1998). This species inhabits the equatorial c. Pacific from Tonga, Phoenix, and Line Is and E to the Marquesas Is (AOU 1983, Pratt et al.1987).

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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