

SHY ALBATROSS

Thalassarche cauta

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

T.c. salvini

The Shy Albatross is a polytypic species, with four distinct subspecies breeding off s. Australia and New Zealand (Marchant and Higgins 1990, Cole 2000). Through 2009 there were at least 9 records of this Southern-Hemisphere species from waters off Alaska to California, asingle individual recorded in 1951 and 8 recorded in 1996-2003. A tenth record for the North Pacific was of an individual photographed on Sand I, *Midway*, 8 Apr 2003 ([HRBP](#) 5001-5003; published Robertson et al. 2005 and *NAB* 57:432). After some discussion that the bird might be a Buller's Albatross (*T. bulleri*), several seabird experts that reviewed the photographs concluded that it was a Shy Albatross of the subspecies *T c. salvini*, also known as "Salvin's Albatross", and sometimes considered a separate species. Details were published by Robertson et al. (2005). At least two subspecies, *salvini* and *cauta*, have been recorded in the North Pacific (Cole 2000, CBRC 2007).

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