

STEJNEGER PETREL

Pterodroma longirostris

non-breeding visitor, occasional

monotypic

Stejneger Petrels breed in the Juan Fernandez Is. off Chile during Nov-May and disperse to the eastern N. Pacific, ranging W to the Hawaiian Islands and Japan (King 1967, Harrison 1983, Bartle et al. 1993), and rarely to the North American coast (Roberson and Bailey 1991, AOU 1998, CBRC 2007). They have occurred in Hawaiian waters primarily in late Sep-mid Oct.

In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, George Munro found the head and wing of a petrel on *Lana'i* in 1914 which he described under [Bonin Petrel](#) as "a remnant of one, enough to identify the species" (Munro 1944; *E* 4:51). Later, the specimen (BPBM 7045) was examined comparatively at USNM by Clapp (1984) and determined to be a Stejneger Petrel, forming the basis for addition to the checklist of North American birds by the AOU (1989). This was the only record of a stranding in the Hawaiian Islands until 2003, when one landed on a cruise ship 29 Sep 2003 the day before docking at (and within 92 km of) Kahalui, Maui. It was photographed ([HRBP](#) 5037-5042, published *NAB* 58:163, 176) and released that day. Off *O'ahu* one was photographed among a flock of small petrels 20 Sep 05 ([HRBP](#) 5241 published *NAB* 60:11) and one found at an unidentified location on O'ahu in early Oct 2005 was turned into the SLP rehabilitation facility, photographed on 7 Oct 2005 ([HRBP](#) 5242-5244, published *NAB* 60:159), and released. Another Stejneger's Petrel was photographed on a single-day trip off Kona, *Hawai'i I*, 13 May 2008 ([HRBP](#) 5500-5502 published *NAB* 62:495).

All other reports of Stejneger Petrels occur from research vessels *at sea*. Rowlett (2002) recorded one bird 275 km N of Lisianski 21 Sep 2002 and one bird 260 km NNE of Laysan 22 Sep 2002, his only reports of this species in Northwestern waters in >50 observing days during Aug-Nov 2002. Another was described 28 km S of Pearl & Hermes 15 Jun 1991. In Southeastern Hawaiian Island waters, Rowlett recorded 52 Stejneger Petrels on 7 of 37 days at sea, between 28 Sep and 10 Oct 2002 from 7 to 335 km off Kaua'i, O'ahu, and Moloka'i. Sixteen flying SSE during a 40 minute period on the afternoon of 28 Sep 2002, 83 km NE of Kaua'i, suggests that this species migrates in aggregations. Rowlett also recorded one 130 km ESE of South Point, Hawai'i, 23 Nov 2002, and Spear *et al.* (1999) reported 7 Stejneger Petrels, one on 5 Nov 1984, 3 on 16 Oct 1985, 2 on 30 Oct 1985, and 1 on 16 Jun 1986, all between 75 and 370 km S and SE of Hawai'i I.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

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