

Wandering Albatross

Diomedea exulans

hypothetical, erroneous report

A “strange” albatross at Midway in 1938-39 was reported by G. C. Munro (from a photo) to be possibly an immature Wandering Albatross (*E* 4:42). This was apparently the basis for inclusion on the Hawaiian Is list by Peterson (1961, Appendix II). Munro (1944) published the photo, describing the bird as an unidentified albatross, and not mentioning Wandering Albatross as a possibility. The photo shows an immature [Short-tailed Albatross](#), the first record of that species in the Hawaiian Islands. Wandering Albatrosses breed on sub-antarctic islands and range through the southern oceans, with two records along the w. North American coast (*cf.* CBRC 2007). Isenbeck (*in* von Kittlitz 1834) also reported that the undescribed white albatross on Laysan Island might have been *Diomedea exulans*.

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[Literature cited](#)

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