hypothetical, unsubstantiated

During fall 2003 a Blue-footed Booby reportedly accompanied a sailboat from 200 mi off s. Mexico to the Hawaiian Islands, departing the boat only to forage for flying fish. It left the boat when land was sighted in the Hawaiian Islands, and was not reported again; descriptive documentation is lacking. A booby observed briefly resting on Lisianski 12 Jun 2004 was reported to be a Blue-footed Booby, but details are insufficient to eliminate a young Masked or Red-footed booby, although it could refer to the same individual earlier reported to have crossed the Pacific. Blue-footed Boobies reside on the American Pacific coast from Mexico to Peru (AOU 1998).

Acronyms and Abbreviations

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