

Japanese Murrelet

Synthliboramphus wumizusume

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

An alcid on the beach at Sand I., Midway 11 Apr 1996 was captured, examined with a headlamp after dark by a biologist experienced with Japanese Murrelets, and identified as one with detailed notes describing distinguishing characters of this species. Photographs were attempted but did not develop properly. It could not be found the following day. We believe that this bird was likely a Japanese Murrelet but the record is considered hypothetical at this time because of the rarity of this species, the fact that it would be the first record away from Japanese waters (Gaston and Jones 1998), and the possibility that it may have been a worn [Ancient Murrelet](#). Japanese Murrelets breed in the Izu Is. and disperse only to nearby coasts of Japan, as far as known.

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[Literature cited](#)

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