

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel

Oceanodroma furcata

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

Single Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels have been reported twice in Hawaiian waters: 7 Dec 1964 about 170 km SE of Hawai'i I (King 1970), and 18 Mar 1976 enroute at sea between Kaua'i and Nihoa (Zeillemaker 1976). King (1970) also reported 3 other Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels sighted 3 weeks earlier (18-19 Nov 1964) outside Hawaiian waters (740 km E of Hawai'i I), the only birds of this species observed during King's daily surveys in 1964-1965. Pyle (1983) and HAS (1986) listed this species on the Hawaiian Island Checklist but removed it thereafter (Pyle 1988, HAS 1989-2005). Although both observers were experienced ornithologists, and the species could plausibly occur in Hawaiian waters, no written documentation exists for either sighting. We thus consider this species hypothetical in the Hawaiian Islands. Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels breed along the N Pacific rim and disperse irregularly southward into temperate waters in winter (AOU 1998).

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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