

JOUANIN'S PETREL

Bulweria fallax

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

Jouanin's Petrels are presumed to breed on islands near Arabia, and they disperse primarily in the NW Indian Ocean (Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998). This larger relative of [Bulwer's Petrel](#) has reached the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* four times, representing the first records from the Pacific Ocean. A Jouanin's Petrel was discovered on the ground at *Lisianski* 4 Sep 1967 among [Bonin Petrels](#) and was collected (Clapp 1971; USNM 543185; [HRBP](#) 5081-5082). Another bird was heard calling, captured from a burrow in a Bonin Petrel colony, and photographed ([HRBP](#) 1049-1057) on Sand I., *Midway* 7-8 Aug 1993, and it was heard again 15-16 Oct 1993. Seto et al. (1996) provide a full description of this second occurrence, including sonograms of the previously unknown calls (Jouanin 1992) of the Jouanin's Petrel. Subsequent to these records there have been sightings elsewhere in the Pacific, including two *at sea* in Hawaiian waters off Hawai'i I by experienced seabird observers, 26 nmi SW of Keahole Pt on 25 Aug 1999 and 18 km WNW of Kukio Bay on 20 Aug 2010 ([HICEAS data](#)). In addition, 2-3 records of possible Jouanin's Petrels have been recorded off California (cf. Pike and Compton 2010). These records might suggest that this enigmatic species is breeding somewhere in the Pacific.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

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