

FLESH-FOOTED SHEARWATER

Ardenna carneipes

non-breeding visitor, occasional

monotypic

Flesh-footed Shearwaters breed on Lord Howe Island and on islands off NE New Zealand in Oct-Apr and disperse widely throughout the temperate N Pacific, N to the Bering Sea; another group breeds on islands S and W of Australia and disperses into the Indian Ocean (King 1967, Harrison 1983, AOU 1998, Howell 2012). In the Hawaiian Islands they have occurred sporadically in Apr-May and Sep-Nov apparently enroute to and from the N Pacific. Flesh-footed Shearwater was placed in genus *Puffinus* until moved to *Ardenna* by the AOU (2016).

At sea, Flesh-footed Shearwaters have been recorded uncommonly from research survey cruises in Northwestern waters. POBSP personnel collected an adult male 287 km S of Laysan 15 Sep 1964 (USNM 493804) and sighted another 200 km SW of Kaula Rock 22 Apr 1965. During 336 days of observing in 2002 and 2010 (168 days each in Northwestern and Southeastern Hawaiian Island waters), [HICEAS](#) observers recorded 8 Flesh-footed Shearwaters, 7 in Northwestern Hawaiian Island waters (W of Kure to E of Nihoa) from 17 Sep to 7 Nov and one 270 km W of Lana'i 1 Oct 2010 (Rowlett 2002; [HICEAS data](#); [HRBP](#) 6191-6194). The only other *at-sea* record is for a bird observed 185 km S of Hawai'i I 13 Nov 1989; Spear et al. (1999) reported none S and E of Hawai'i in 72 hrs at sea during spring and fall 1984-1991, and King (1970) found none in Hawaiian waters during monthly cruises in 1964-1965, but did record at least 7 outside of Hawaiian Island waters (beyond 370 km) E and S of island waters.

In the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*, one was observed during a single-day offshore trip 9 km S of Sand I. *Midway*, 14 May 1998. In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, Flesh-footed Shearwaters were observed several times in 1986-1987 within 18 km offshore of Kailua-Kona, *Hawai'i I* (David 1989): 5 Apr 1986 ([HRBP](#) 0474-0478, 0724; published *E* 49:38), 2 on 20 Apr 1986 ([HRBP](#) 0724), 10 Oct 1986 ([HRBP](#) 0728-0729; published *E* 49:39), 2 on 20 Nov 1987, and one on 29 Nov 2015. This species has also been reported off Kaua'i (3 Aug 2003) and O'ahu (29 Mar 1990 and 20 Oct 1990) without confirming details.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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