

## Little Shearwater

*Puffinus assimilis*

### hypothetical, erroneous report

Little Shearwaters breed on islands off Australia and New Zealand E to Lord Howe, Norfolk, and Rapa, and in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans (Harrison 1983). They range widely in the temperate southern oceans but, despite reports, there are no substantiated records for the N Pacific Ocean (Pyle et al. 2014). One reported from California (CBRC 2007) was only possibly a Little Shearwater (Heindel and Garrett 2008) and sight records from Alaska (Day 2006) are not fully substantiated. A specimen reportedly collected in the Marshall Is (Amerson 1969) was re-identified as a Stejneger's Petrel (Clapp 1984).

A specimen of a small shearwater collected on Sand I, Midway 18 Feb 1963 (USNM 492974; [HRBP](#) 5064-5069) and a similar-looking individual heard calling and photographed on Midway during Dec-Jan of 1990-1991 and 1991-1992 ([HRBP](#) 0936-0940) were long considered Little Shearwaters (Clapp and Woodward 1968, Pyle 1988, AOU 1998) but these two birds have been re-identified as [Bryan's Shearwaters](#) (Pyle et al. 2011, 2014).

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

Citation: Pyle, R.L., and P. Pyle. 2017. The Birds of the Hawaiian Islands: Occurrence, History, Distribution, and Status. B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI, U.S.A. Version 2 (1 January 2017) <http://hbs.bishopmuseum.org/birds/rlp-monograph/>