

PINK-FOOTED SHEARWATER

Ardenna creatopus

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

Pink-footed Shearwaters breed in the Juan Fernandez Is off Chile and migrate N to the Pacific North American coast during the austral winter (Harrison 1983, AOU 1998, Howell 2012). The primary migration route appears to be coastal, as there are few records beyond 1000 km from American shores (cf. Pitman 1986, Force and Ballance 2009), although there are sight reports from New Zealand and Australia (Marchant and Higgins 1990). There are several records of Pink-footed Shearwaters within 1500 km of the Hawaiian Islands and one substantiated record for Hawaiian Island waters. Pink-footed Shearwater was placed in genus *Puffinus* until moved to *Ardenna* by the AOU (2016).

At sea, experienced [HICEAS](#) observers found a Pink-footed Shearwater within a feeding flock including 50 [Sooty Terns](#) and 80 [Wedge-tailed Shearwaters](#) at 18° 08.8' N, 153° 29.1' W, about 296 km SE of Ka Lae, Hawai'i I, 24 Aug 2006 (Force and Ballance 2009). The [HBRC](#) accepted this species to the Hawaiian Island Checklist based on this record despite no photographic or specimen evidence from the islands. Observers on the same trip recorded several other Pink-footed Shearwaters far off the American coast but not in Hawaiian waters, suggesting that there may have been a westward dispersal of this species in summer 2006. Previously, King (1967) collected one near 7° N 152° W, about 1,400 km SSE of Hawai'i I, 14 Oct 1964 (USNM 494191), and mentioned several other observations in this area, and Pitman (1986) recorded at least two within 750-1000 km S of Hawai'i I. These reports appear to be the basis for some references (e.g., Harrison 1983, Marchant and Higgins 1990, Onley and Scofield 2007) that they occur at or near the Hawaiian Islands. We consider a sight report of three Pink-footed Shearwaters 21 km E of Hilo 6 Aug 1994 to be unsubstantiated, although the similar date to the substantiated record above lends some credence to the record.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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