Providence PetrelPterodroma solandri

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

Also known until 2013 as Solander's Petrel (AOU 2013), Providence Petrels breed on Lord Howe I near Australia and range at sea N to w. Micronesia (Wiles et al. 2004) and the nw. Pacific including Alaskan waters (Bailey et al. 1989; Bartle et al. 1993; AOU 1998, 2013). King (1967, 1970) mentioned several reports of this species in the central Pacific, including one 7 Oct 1964 about 90 km ENE of Hawai'i I. King judged this and other reports to be hypothetical due to identification difficulties (Pyle 1988). The AOU (1983 in appendix) listed this as a valid sight record but later withdrew this status (AOU 1989, 1998). A bird found alive on Kaua'i 25 November 1986 was initially judged to be a Providence Petrel (*E* 47:29; *AB* 41:148, 334) but, after the bird died in captivity 22 Feb 1987, the specimen (BPBM 175801) was determined to be a Murphy's Petrel (AOU 1989). A Providence Petrel reported by L.B Spear (*cf.* Spear 1999) ~389 km (210 n.miles) SSE of Hawai'i I 27 Jun 1989, is just beyond the limit of Hawaiian waters.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Literature cited

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