

## NAZCA BOOBY

*Sula granti*

**non-breeding visitor, vagrant**

monotypic

The Nazca Booby, long considered a subspecies of [Masked Booby](#), was considered a separate full species by the AOU (2000) based on morphological and genetic evidence along with allopatric breeding on Clipperton and the Revillagigedo Is off Mexico (Pitman and Jehl 1998, Friesen et al. 2002). Nazca Boobies breed in the tropical e. Pacific, primarily on the Galapagos Islands, with smaller numbers on several other islands off Ecuador, Columbia, and Mexico. They range at sea off the American coast from c. Mexico S to Ecuador, rarely N to California (CBRC 2007).

Four adult Nazca Boobies have been documented in the Hawaiian Islands. One was studied among [Masked Boobies](#) on Tern I., *French Frigate* from 21 Jul-13 Oct and sporadically through Dec 2008 (([HRBP](#) 5209, 5560, 5936; published *E* 65:57; VanderWerf et al. 2008). Another was observed and photographed on Mokumanu islet off *O'ahu* 28 Feb 2006 ([HRBP](#) 5269-5270, published HDFW 2006, *NAB* 59:667, and in VanderWerf et al. 2008). This bird was sitting on 2 eggs and appeared to be paired with a [Masked Booby](#) nearby (VanderWerf et al. 2008), but no absolute confirmation of breeding by the Nazca Booby was obtained. Adults were also photographed on Eastern I, *Midway*, 8 Apr 2008 ([HRBP](#) 5441-5442) and off Kona, *Hawai'i I* 9 Nov 2015 ([HRBP](#) 6180-6182).

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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