雑 報 Note

アホウドリ のハワイ群島からの報告

今般、山階所長宛にアホウドリ (*Diomedea albatrus*) のハワイ群島からの記録がハワイ及び太平洋諸島国立野生生物保護区 Hawaiian Islands and Pacific Islands National Wildlife Refuges (333 Uluniu Str., Kailua, Hawaii, 96734) の主任 (Refuge Manager) Palmer C. Sekora 氏から通報されてきたので、その手紙の全文を掲げる。なお、このハワイに現われた個体は当研究所が鳥島で 1964年 3月10日 に幼鳥の時脚輪を附けた No. 558-30254 で、1972年から1975年までの毎年11月中旬から翌年 3月下旬の冬季間ミドウェイ島のコアホウドリ (*Diomedea immutabilis*)、クロアシアホウドリ (*Diomedea nigripes*) 混合繁殖地を訪れ、求愛行動がみられたが成功はしなかったという。別に無標識の 1羽が 1975年11月~1976年 2月にハワイ群島の Tern 島 (French Frigate Shoals) に、さらに 1羽の幼鳥 (恐らく 同一の鳥) が 1976年 3月28日にレイサン島に現われた由。

次の英文は手紙の全文である (編集部黒田記)。

Report of Short-tailed Albatross *Diomedea albatrus* from Hawaiian Is.

**A letter addressed to Dr. Yamashina by Mr. Palmer C. Sekora
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National Wildlife Refuge on Hawaii)**

"Recently I noted that you had written Mr. Gerald Sanger in Anchorage, Alaska, concerning the status of the short-tailed albatross in the North Pacific. Within your letter you request any records of the short-tailed albatross in the North Pacific area.

For the past four winters (1972 through 1975), we have observed one adult short-tailed albatross on Midway Island (latitude 28°10', longitude 177°10') for the duration of each winter period. This period is normally from mid-November to the latter part of March. The albatross has been the same individual for all four years. It is banded with a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band, No. 558-30254. It was banded by your Institute on March 10, 1964 near Tori Island when it was too young to fly. The sex is unknown. Attached is a photograph of the bird.

This individual attempts courtship with both the Laysan and black-footed albatrosses, only to be rejected. However, he is quite persistent.

From November 1975 to February 1976, one unbanded short-tailed albatross was observed at Tern Island, French Frigate Shoals (latitude 23°30', longitude 164°40') of the Hawaiian archipelago.

On March 28, 1976, one immature, unbanded short-tailed albatross was observed on Laysan Island (latitude 25°50', longitude 171°40') of the Hawaiian archipelago. This individual may have been the same one observed earlier on Tern Island.

We hope that these records are of use to you. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us."

(Editor—N. h. Kuroda)