

**Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii***

Unlike the eastern Pacific Ocean's other boobies, the Blue-footed does not stray far from land, and it does not frequent the west coast of Baja California. Most or all of its sporadic incursions across the international border come by way of the Gulf of California, making the Salton Sea the species' primary location in the United States. Of the seven records for San Diego County, none is more recent than 1980.

**Migration:** Representing dispersal north after breeding, all but one of the San Diego County records of the Blue-footed Booby fall between 4 August and 4 October: at sea off San Diego 4 October 1964 (AFN 19:78, 1965), Ocotillo Wells (I28/I29) 4 August 1968 (SDNHM 36707), bridge of Interstate 15 over Lake Hodges (K11)

8 September 1969 (SDNHM 37566), off Imperial Beach (V10) 6 September 1971 (AB 36:119, 1972), Lake San Marcos (I8/J8) late August–14 December 1972, when found dead (AB 27:120, 1973), and Camp Denver Fox 3.1 miles northwest of Lake Henshaw (F16) 18 August 1977 (AB 32:256, 1978; photo SDNHM). The exception is of one seen 2 miles off Camp Pendleton 16 March 1980 (Roberson 1993). The California Bird Records Committee did not accept the identification of one off Point Loma 26 August 1977, though this report, like most of the others, came during irruptions of the Blue-footed Booby to the Salton Sea (Roberson 1993).

**Taxonomy:** Nominate *S. n. nebouxii* Milne-Edwards, 1882, occupies the species' entire range except for the Galapagos Islands.