

Flesh-footed Shearwater *Puffinus carneipes*

The Flesh-footed Shearwater ranges mainly through the Indian and western Pacific oceans and is rare off California, especially so toward the south. There are only 12 records for the waters off San Diego County.

Migration: As a migrant from the southern hemisphere, the Flesh-footed occurs off California mainly in the northern spring, summer, and fall. Dates for San Diego County extend from 9 April (1996, La Jolla, P7, S. Walens, NASFN 50:332, 1996) to 9 September (1972, two or three off San Diego, AB 27:119, 1973), except for one seen from La Jolla 13 February 2001 (B. L. Sullivan, NAB 55:227, 2001). The two sightings at La Jolla are the only ones from shore and the only ones for the county since 1981. Of note were two seen just south of the border near Los Coronados Islands 31 March 1996 (K. and C. Rademaker, NASFN 50:332, 1996).



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