

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*

First identified in California in 1975, the Red-footed Booby was known in the state from 14 well-supported records by 2002. Like those of the Masked and Brown Boobies, occurrences of the Red-footed accelerated with ocean warming. San Diego County has two records.

Migration: An immature was videotaped at La Jolla (P7) 24 May 1996 (P. Lonsdale; McCaskie and San Miguel 1999). Another caught on a fish hook at Scripps Institution of Oceanography (O7) 20 July 2002 was

captured for rehabilitation (Cole and McCaskie 2004). The report of one within 1 mile of shore off La Jolla 13 August 1993 (AB 48:151, 1994) was not accepted by the California Bird Records Committee (Erickson and Terrill 1996). A booby at San Elijo Lagoon 14 November 1987 was reported as a Masked but the observer's description suggests it was a Red-footed.

Taxonomy: The subspecies of Red-footed Booby reaching California is uncertain; *S. s. websteri* Rothschild, 1898, breeds in the eastern tropical Pacific; *S. s. rubripes* Gould, 1838, breeds in the central Pacific.