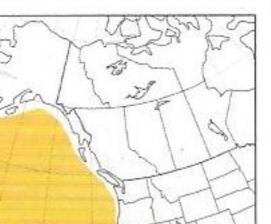


Brant, Branta bernicla (p. 18)

progressively white, but retains dark hindneck. Full adult pl more than a decade to acquire, but can breed in subadu Also known as Steller's Albatross.

RANGE: Common until end of 19th century; then decimated of extinction by 1930s. Very small numbers of breeders re Torishima Island, Japan, beginning in 1951. Now protected tion slowly recovering - global population believed to no 4,000 (as of 2013). Presently breeds Torishima (most) a kojima Islands off southern Japan. A few have appeared in colony (mostly Laysans) on Eastern Island (Midway Atoll N successfully bred there in 2011. Still very rare, except in Berir Aleutians where concentrations of around 100 have been no south of AK (to CA) primarily involve first-cycle birds. 12/12/03 Pt, Avena



Laysan Albatross Phoebastria immutabilis

L 28–31" (71–79 cm) WS 77–85" (196–216 cm) LAAL Blaabove, with white flash in primaries; underwing with bland variable internal markings; blurry mask around eye with blackish tip. Adults and juveniles similar. Occasional with Black-footed Albatross.