

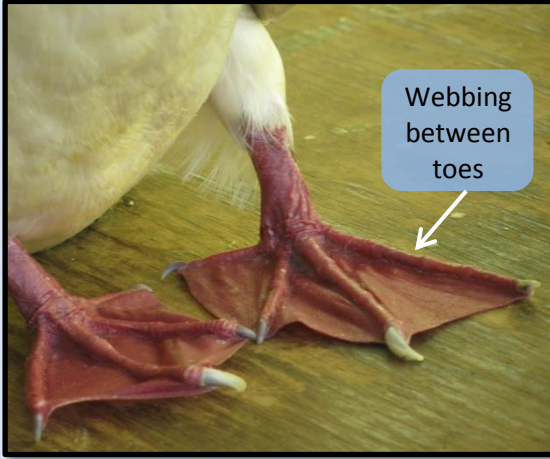


WHAT ARE SEABIRDS? Birds adapted to life at sea



If you have found a seabird please call **808-573-BIRD**

WEBBED FEET – Not all birds with webbed feet are seabirds, but all seabirds have webbed feet. They come in handy when swimming, diving, and chasing fish!



Webbing between toes

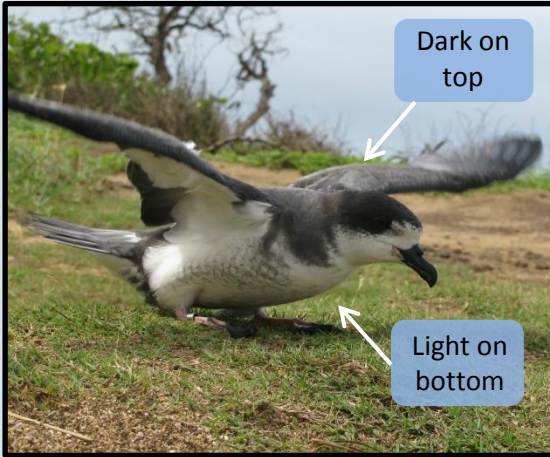
DULL COLORED PLUMAGE – Grey and black pigments (melanins) provide structural support to feathers, making them more resistant to sun, surf, wind and salt.



Gray/black feathers

Only color is on feet

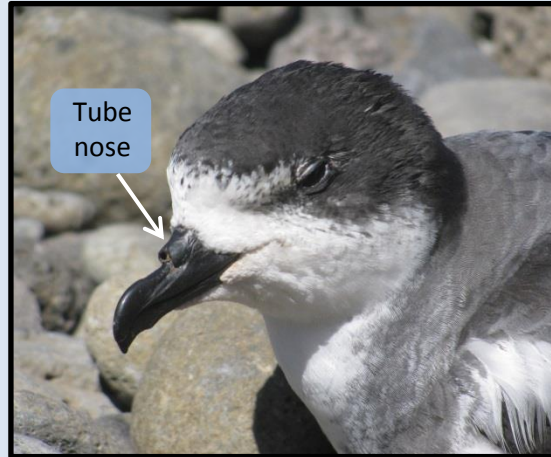
COUNTERSHADING – Seabirds, along with most other animals that live at sea, are dark on top and light underneath, providing camouflage from aerial and underwater predators.



Dark on top

Light on bottom

TUBE NOSE – Many seabirds in Hawaii have nostrils enclosed in tubes, which allows them to smell their food from miles away across the ocean!



Tube nose

The following birds are **NOT seabirds**. If you find one of these birds or another non-seabird, please call the DOFAW Wildlife Office at **808-984-8100** Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm

Cattle Egret



Black Crowned Night Heron



Pacific Golden Plover

