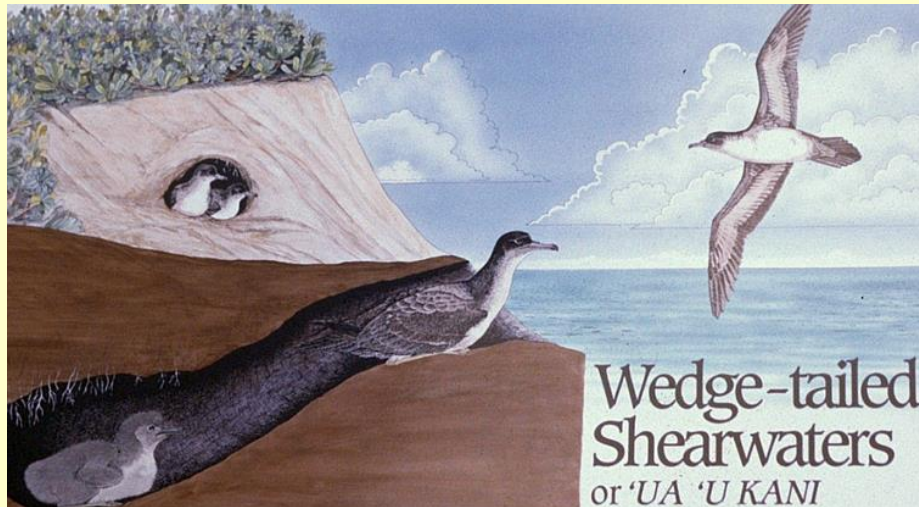


Wedge-Tailed Shearwater



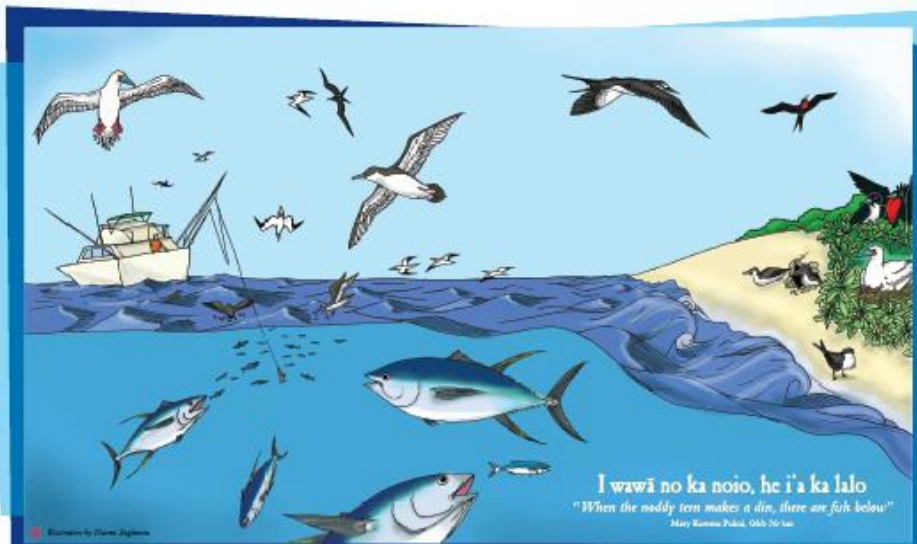
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Life-History



Colonial breeders; Burrow nesters; One egg per season

Susceptible to land predators and trampling



Abundant constituent of seabird feeding flocks

Significantly associated with skipjack tuna (aku)

Seabirds have always been important to Hawaiians. Ancient Polynesian voyagers observed seabirds to find schooling fish and to navigate between islands.

Freeman Seabird Preserve (Blackpoint)



A Heterogeneous Landscape



Home to Wedge-tailed Shearwaters



An Ongoing Habitat Restoration Project



Improving Breeding Habitat on Terrace



Planting Native Vegetation



Tribulus, Ipomea, 'Ohai, Naio

Lots of Available Nesting Spaces



A Field Class-room



Chick Growth and Survivorship



Available online: <http://www.hawaiiaudubon.com/>

14 July 2011 Colony Count: 133 Nests !!!



3-Dimensional Hide-and-Seek



Where is the Bird?



2011-12 Monitoring



32 nests: chick growth
(1 egg lost, no chicks)

20 nests: controls

A Happy Surprise (July 29, 2011)



Jeff Pawloski (SeaLife Park): "Shearwater 0794-78177 came in as a chick on 12/13/1999. Initial weight was 340g. Location found was unknown. It had no apparent injury. Released on 12/14/1999. Out weight was 335g"

A Place of Great Natural Beauty



And the Home of Amazing Seabirds



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