

Antipodean Albatross *Diomedea antipodensis* Species No.: 748 Band size: 14 ML

There are no specific illustrations for this species in HANZAB, but illustrations are presented in *The Australian Bird Guide* and referenced as the New Zealand Wandering Albatross with the two subspecies being described and illustrated.

Status:

Recognised in 1992 as subspecies *D. exulans antipodensis* of the Wandering Albatross and in 1998 elevated to species status by some authorities. Two subspecies are now recognised as *D.a. antipodensis* which breeds on the Antipodes Islands and possibly Campbell Island and *D.a. gibsoni* which breeds on the Auckland Islands.

Morphometrics:

Measurements for this species are combined in HANZAB within the measurements of the Wandering Albatross (see separate field data sheet). However, Antipodean albatrosses are reported to be smaller than Wandering Albatross.

Ageing:

No information available in HANZAB on ageing. However, it is claimed that Antipodean Albatrosses breed in predominantly brown plumage, but are otherwise difficult to distinguish from young Wanderers.

Sexing:

No information available.

Similar Species:

Wandering Albatross.