

## Subantarctic Little Shearwater *Puffinus elegans*

Species Code: 087

Band: X



Adult  
(ventral)

Adult  
(dorsal)

### Status:

Formerly regarded as a subspecies of Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis*, but elevated to species status in 2018

### Morphometrics:

	Unsexed
Wing:	158 – 203 mm
8 <sup>th</sup> Primary:	112 – 118 mm
Tail:	59 – 79 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	23.0 – 32.0 mm
Bill Depth:	8 – 11 mm
Tarsus:	33 – 42.2 mm
Middle Toe:	41 – 53 mm
Weight:	226 – 275 g

### Ageing:

Juveniles are indistinguishable from adults;  
Age of attaining adult plumage and first breeding unknown.

### Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in plumage or size;  
Both sexes incubate.

### Similar species:

Little Shearwater *Puffinus assimilis* (all subspecies) – black on head does not extend below eye.