



Brant, *Branta bernicla* (p. 18)



patches on scapulars and inner secondary coverts, with 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 nu 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 Berin Aleutians where concentrations of around 100 have been no south of AK (to CA) primarily involve first-cycle birds.

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### **Laysan Albatross** *Phoebastria immutabilis*

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

