

# Sea Bird Identification Key for most commonly encountered species

## Nasal Tubes

Long slender bill with strongly hooked tip;  
Slender body with long narrow wings;  
Blackish upperparts

White rump; Underparts white  
with dark belly smudge;  
Bill length: 43-50 mm  
Dark plumage overall;  
Silver-white underwing  
Bill length: 38-46mm

## No Nasal Tubes

Smooth hooked bill; plump  
body; long wings

*Adult:* large yellow bill with red spot;  
white head; blackish mantle; pale  
pink feet  
*Juvenile:* dark/dark-tipped bill;  
mottled gray/brown mantle; white  
rump; dark tipped tail

*Adult:* large yellow bill with red  
spot;  
white head; gray mantle; black  
wing tips; pale pink feet  
*Juvenile:* dark/dark-tipped bill;  
mottled gray/brown mantle;  
dark tipped tail

Greater Shearwater



Sooty Shearwater



Northern Fulmar

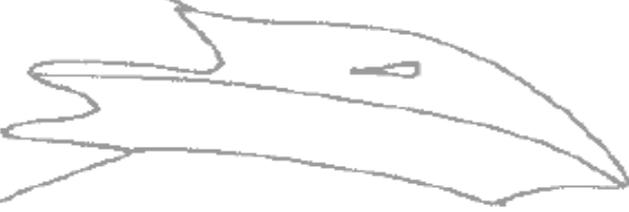


Stout, pale bill; Gray  
mantle; Pale feet  
Light morph: white head,  
underwing, underparts  
Dark morph: gray/brownish  
all over  
Bill length: 31-39mm

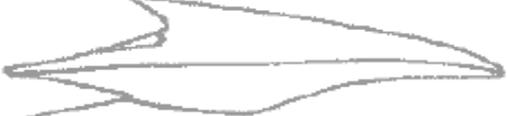
Great Black Back Gull



Herring Gull



Thin-Billed (Common) Murre



Slender, straight black bill;  
Black Upperparts and head;  
White underparts; Football-  
shaped body; 'penguin-like'

# Incidental Takes

**\*\*Do not hesitate to consult your "Beached Birds" guide in the event that your specimen does not appear to fall into any of these categories**