

Berichtigung

Zum Artikel »Bemerkenswerte Beobachtungen zur Flugleistung von Albatrossen« von K. HENLE (Ökol. Vögel 3/2, 1981) erhielten wir nachstehenden Brief. Das Photo im Artikel zeigt danach keinen Rußalbatros (*Phoebetria palpebrata*) sondern einen Blaßfußsturmtaucher (*Puffinus carneipes*). Dies trifft zu. Die Autoren bezweifeln außerdem, ob *P. palpebrata* im beschriebenen Seegebiet überhaupt vorkommt.

The photograph accompanying the short note »Remarkable observations on the flight of Albatrosses« by K. HENLE in Ecology of Birds 3: 311-313, 1981, was titled »Startender Rußalbatros (*Phoebetria palpebrata*)« (Light-mantled Sooty Albatross). The bird shown is in fact a Blaßfußsturmtaucher (*Puffinus carneipes*) (Flesh-footed Shearwater). The external nares mounted on top of the bill exclude the possibility that it is an Albatross, as they have the nares mounted on either side of the culmen. Both juvenile and adult *P. palpebrata* have a black bill, white feathering behind the eye, and bluish grey legs and feet (SERVENTY, SERVENTY & WARHAM 1971).

The combination of completely dark plumage, dark-tipped pale bill and pink legs and feet identify this bird as a *P. carneipes* (FALLA, SIBSON & TURBOTT 1979, Plate 11; TUCK & HEINZEL 1978, Plate 8). Good photographs of this species appear in SERVENTY, SERVENTY & WARHAM (1971, Plate 68) and HARPER & KINSKY (1974, Figure 11). The misidentification of the photograph casts doubt on observations of *P. palpebrata* elsewhere in the paper. BARTLE (1974) does not record *P. palpebrata* in the eastern Cook Strait region of New Zealand, whereas *P. carneipes* is a local breeder and was recorded frequently around boats in summer and early autumn.

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