

# Laysan Albatross Fact Sheet



A Laysan Albatross is a large seabird that flies over the North Pacific. Most of its population lives in the Hawaiian Islands.

These birds love to eat animals that live in the sea. They feed on ink fish known as cephalopods, fish, crustaceans and other invertebrates.

They are masters at flying. A Laysan Albatross can soar for hundreds of miles per day with barely a wingbeat. While they live on the islands of the tropical Pacific, they may fly to Japan, the Aleutian Islands or to California to feed. The Laysan Albatross is a quiet bird but sometimes they will make a long mooring sound, descending whinnies or rattles.

The Laysan Albatross picks a mate that they will keep for life. Occasionally these birds form same-sex pairs consisting of two females. Their courtship is first celebrated through an elaborate dance that has up to 25 movements. The birds will touch bills, spread one or both wings, place their bill under one wing, point their bills to the sky and bob their heads. You can watch their dance by visiting this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EYNazaodHg>