NOTES

SECOND RECORD OF MATSUDAIRA'S STORM-PETREL (Oceanodroma matsudairae) FROM GUAM, MARIANA ISLANDS.

The Matsudaira's Storm-Petrel breeds on the Bonin and Volcano Islands. Its range extends from its breeding ground through northwest Australia to the Indian Ocean where it winters (King, 1967; King and Dickinson, 1975). Two were sighted at sea by Ben King on 24 April 1960, about 4 miles west of Apra Harbor, Guam (King, 1976).

On 28 June 1974, between 0700–0730, while entering Apra Harbor, Guam, on board the USS JOUETT (CG-29) I saw approximately 12–15 Matsudaira's Storm-Petrels following the ship. The weather was bright overcast with intermittent rain squalls. The coloration noted at the time was light brown underparts and dark brown upperparts. The underwings were light brown with dark edges. The upperwings were dark brown with a light brown diagonal bar from the alular quills to the lower scapulars. The upperwing also had a distinctive white patch on the primaries. The Storm-Petrels followed the ship for approximately one-half hour until the ship entered the harbor mouth.

Photographs were obtained and are on file in the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. and in the San Diego Natural History Museum, San Diego, California.

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