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Peter Pyle grew up primarily in Hawaii has worked as an ornithologist and marine biologist throughout his career. In the late 1970s and early 1980s he partook in the Hawaii, Micronesia, and Samoa Forest Bird Surveys, during the 1980s-2000s he did research on birds and white sharks at the Farallon Islands off San Francisco, and he currently is a staff biologist at The Institute for Bird Populations in Point Reyes Station, California, where he specializes in bird molts and plumages. Peter is a Research Associate at the B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, and the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco. In 2011 he described a new species of shearwater and named it after his grandfather, longtime head of science at the Bishop Museum. He has authored or co-authored over 200 scientific papers and 4 books, including Identification Guide to North America Birds, Parts 1 and 2, widely used by banders, museum researchers, field biologists, and birders. He is currently editor for the Appearance Sections of Birds of the World.

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Technical Reviewer, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, 1993-present
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