

### 3. Extreme Families

#### Wandering Albatross (*Diomedea exulans*)

**Behavior** - Forming Long term pair bonds and paying a heavy price if they break

All long term relationships have their ups and downs. Its true of people, and to some extent, it is true of birds too. It has been found amongst Albatross, that when things go wrong in a relationship, the consequences are dire, especially in regard to the reproductive potential of the partners. Divorce among this bird is rare.

### 3.4 Most costly divorce

EXTREME BIRDS

**Geographical Distribution** – Sothern Oceans

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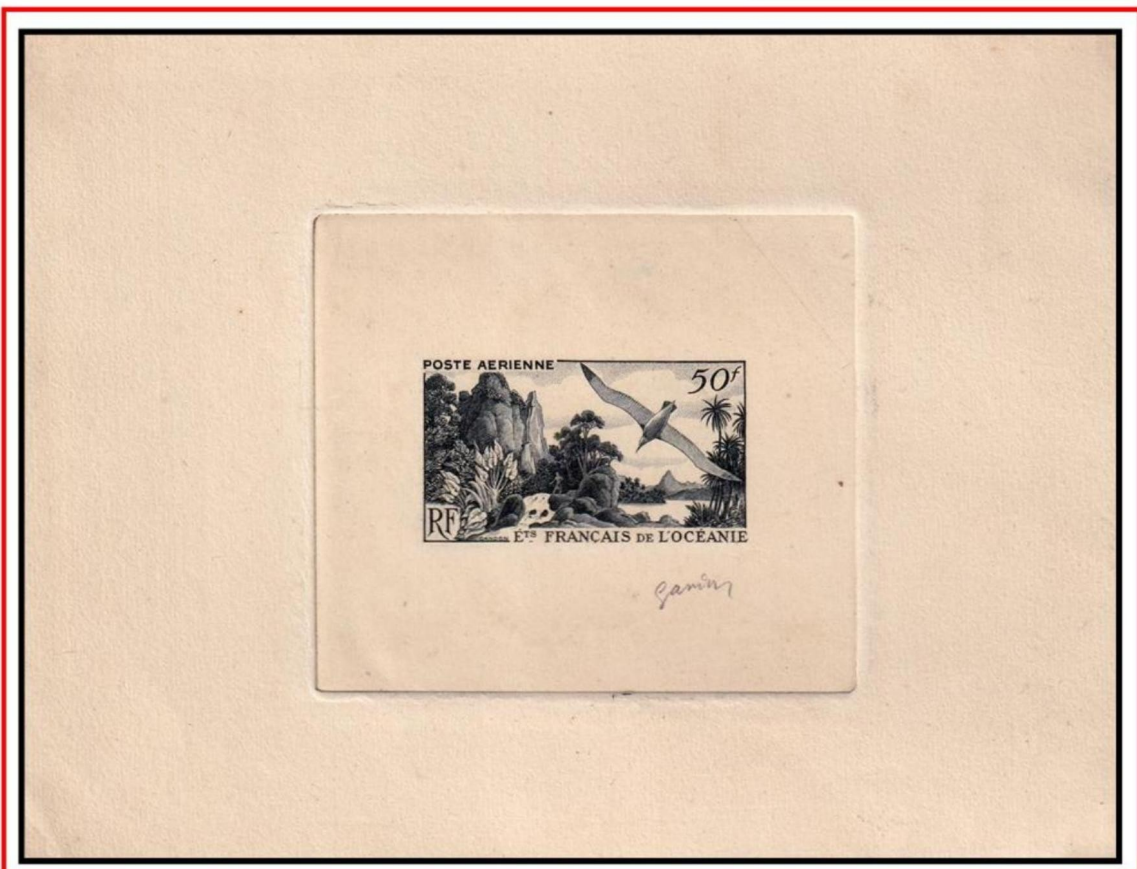
1975 - Specimen on right has a color error omission



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Unpaired birds are initially choosy. The divorcing bird can not expect to breed the following year of careful courtship.

In some cases a divorce can deprive an individual of 10-20 percent of its lifetime reproductive Potential.



1948. French Oceanic Settlement, lithograph on sunken die proof card, depicting Wandering Albatross design. Proof autographed by engraver and French illustrator, Pierre Gandon.