

## 4. Extreme Abilities

**Laysan Albatross** (*Phoebastria immutabilis*)

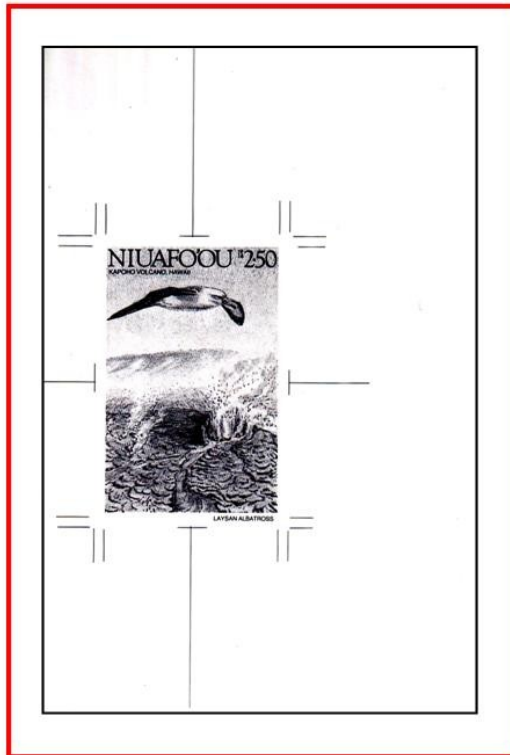
**Ability** - Highest altitudinal flight.

The Laysan albatross is an expert soarer and can travel hundreds of miles in a day with scarcely a wing beat. It uses a method called **dynamic soaring** to travel long distances with the aid of wing currents.

Its name is due to being the only specimen that lives on Laysan Island.

It nests on islands in the tropical Pacific, but will feed in Japan, California or the Aleutian Islands.

**Top Speed** 128.7 Km/hr,  
**Weight** 1.9-4 Kg,  
**Wingspan** 195-203 Cm.



1988 - Monochrome Proof Laysan Albatross soaring above Kapoho Volcano, Hawaii. Issued in 1988 for the Islands of Polynesia

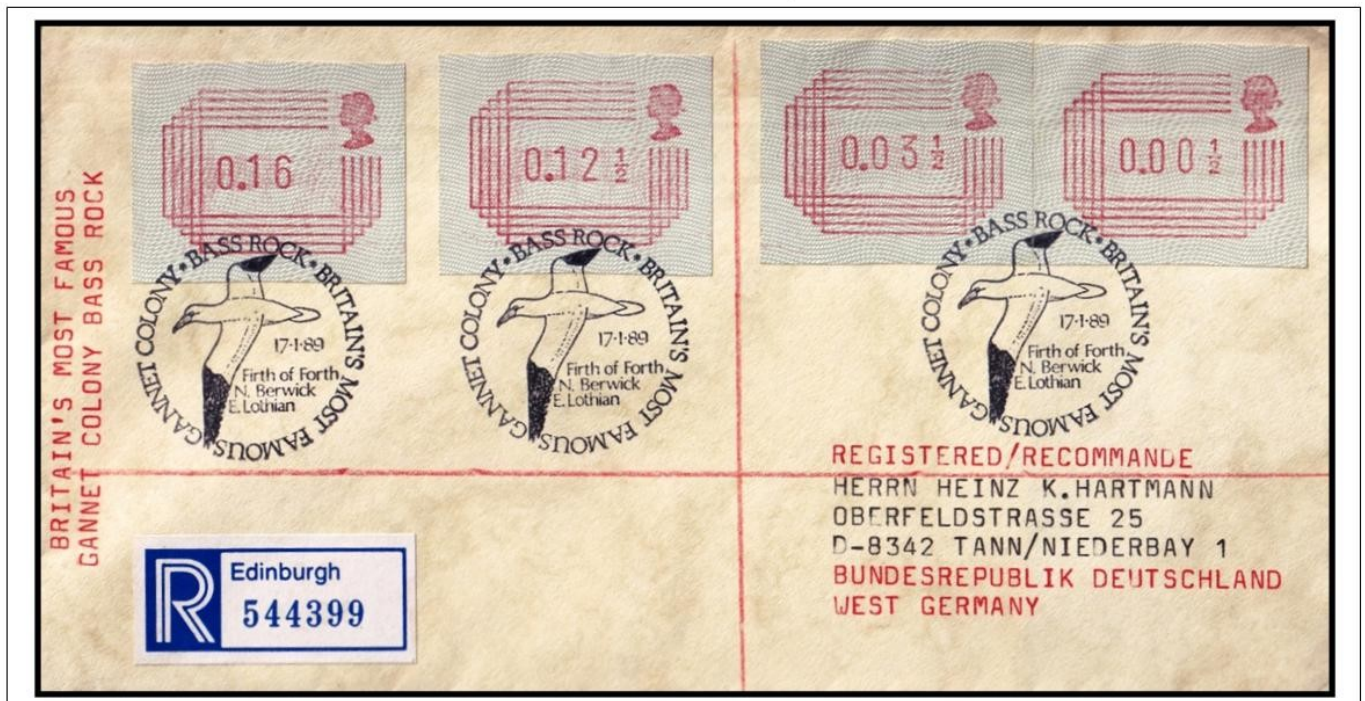
## 4.2 Dynamic Soaring

EXTREME BIRDS

**Geographical Distribution** - Oceania, Asia



1988 - A composite specimen Block of 9. Perforated Progressive color separations.



Dynamic Soaring - Pictorial postmark on Registered cover tied with Framas (ATM)