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**Antipodean Albatross** *Diomedea antipodensis antipodensis* Robertson & Warham 1992, Endemic  
1992 Antipodes Island

It has been known since 1886 from the Antipodes, but was not distinguished from the Wandering Albatross until 1992. Captain Fairchild of the *S. S. Stella* had found it breeding in 1886. Dougall also recorded albatrosses there in January 1888. Mathews described *D. e. rothschildi* in 1912 from Australian seas, which could be either *D. a. gibsoni* or *D. a. antipodensis* (Penhallurick 2008). The same applies to *D. e. rohui* Mathews 1915, from Sydney, New South Wales. Warham (1990) had alluded to their distinctiveness earlier.

**Gibson's Albatross** *Diomedea antipodensis gibsoni* Robertson & Warham 1992, Endemic  
1992 Auckland Island

It was found breeding at the Auckland Islands in November 1840 by the British Antarctic Expedition. This form was also not described until 1992. This albatross was named after the Australian, J. Doug Gibson, a pioneer of albatross studies. Gibson and others initiated a system for describing great albatross plumage, which greatly facilitated population circumscription and field identification.