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**Masked Booby** *Sula dactylatra tasmani* van Tets, Meredith, Fullagar & Davidson 1988, Native  
October 1774 Norfolk Island  
June 1788 Macauley Island, Kermadec Islands

Boobies were recorded by Johann Forster when he landed on Norfolk Island at the time of its discovery, when he noted their abundance (Hoare 1982; Anderson & White 2001). George Forster painted this species as *Pelecanus piscator* Linn. The Forsters believed it had already been described by Linnaeus, so it remained undescribed for many years. Cook also recorded “white boobies” in his journal.

One of the *Lady Penrhyn's* discoveries was the “gannet” reported by Captain Sever on Macauley in 1788. The next record is one at Gannet Island in 1883 by Reischek. Cheeseman observed boobies breeding on Curtis Island, Kermadec Islands, in 1887.