

The race of the Manx Shearwater that occurs in Hawaii nests in the high mountains of the island of Kauai. The Newell's Shearwater, as it is called, is considered an endangered species, and is of special interest to birders since it is a "field separable" subspecies. The birds forage at sea during the day and return to their nest burrows at dusk.

At Haena Beach, at the northern terminus of State Highway 56, one can see the birds high overhead as they fly inland just after sunset. The birds should be present from April to November. We saw several individuals in enough light for identification on 11 August 1974 even though the day was heavily overcast. A good vantage point is the camping area across the road from the "dry cave."

An added bonus for birders who have a side interest in mammals is the presence of the Hawaiian race of the Hoary Bat at this spot. The bats are also considered endangered. They can be seen against the sky after dark, and correct identification is assured since no other species of bat is found on Kauai.