

*Jennifer Stock:* Do you have any memories, in terms of surface wildlife, birds or aggregations or feeding frenzies?

*Sue Estey:* Well, a couple years ago I went on one of the trips that you didn't go on out to Cordell Bank that was just an incredible accumulation of humpback whales and all kinds of birds and I don't remember that from our diving times.

*Don Dvorak:* I do recall another time that we were out on the bank and it was a fairly calm day. My interest was Cordell Bank, taking pictures. I did not have an interest of the animals above the water. But I do specifically remember one day out on the bank there were probably 1,000 birds on the water and they were not gulls, they were different. They were bigger and their beak was a bit different. I tried to take pictures and I didn't have a telephoto lens but to this day I do now know what those birds were, but they were different.

*Jennifer Stock:* They're probably shearwaters.

*Don Dvorak:* Bigger than gulls? Just wondering if they were albatross.

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*Jennifer Stock:* They could be. Elaine, you had some memories, you have some notes here?

*Elaine Dvorak:* Yes. Doesn't say what day or where but yeah, I did try and write down – we would see auklets – in fact we anchored at the Farallones a couple of times and auklets nest there and they fly at night. And they would come and get on the boat because they would come to the light, but they couldn't get off the boat. So I would have to go kind of climb among the packs and the tanks and stuff and I would catch the auklets in my hands and release them off the boat as early in the morning as I could, before anybody else woke up. That was quite a neat experience: they're so warm and their little hearts are just beating like crazy. And of course the murrelets are out there and the shearwaters and sometimes we'd see phalaropes. Sometimes you'd see little flycatchers out there too and they'll come and land on the boat. That always amazed me.