



Feeding

Ninety-nine percent of Laysan Albatrosses nest on remote islands in the Pacific Ocean, and mostly on the Hawaiian Islands. They soar great distances to hunt for squid and fish eggs, which are pushed up to the ocean's surface by cooler waters where they meet warmer waters.

While floating on the surface of the ocean, albatrosses catch squid by grabbing it with their sharp hooked beaks. Though albatrosses like to eat squid best, they also eat other creatures like sunfish, flying fish eggs, crustaceans, and lanternfish.

*The air is getting cooler, and I feel
the chilly ocean spray. I am near a place
where warmer waters meet colder waters. At
this place, I will look for food.*

*Squid, my favorite, live deep in the ocean, but at night
they rise to the surface. I can smell them – they are
near! I land on the water, and with my sharp beak,
I grab and swallow one slippery squid, then
another. – Mālie*

