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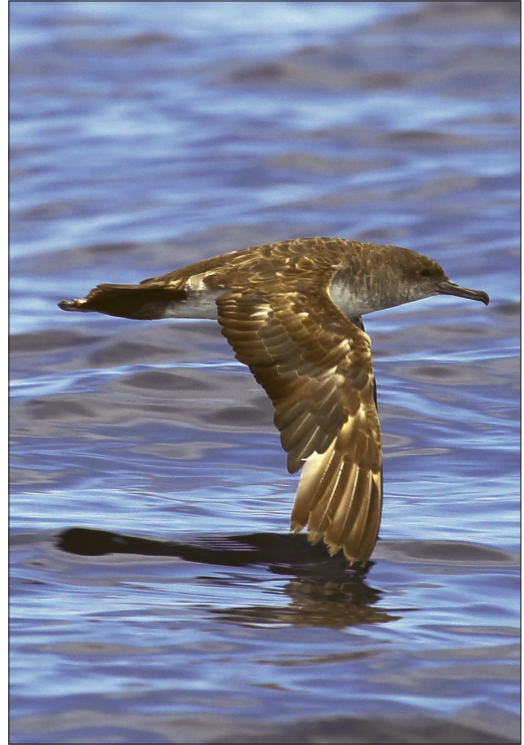
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Frontispiece. The islands and archipelagos of northwestern Mexico are critically important for the conservation of many seabird species, such as: Top Left – Yellow-footed Gull (*Larus livens*), which breeds only in the Gulf of California; Top Right – Black-vented Shearwater (*Puffinus opisthomelas*), of which 95% of the global population breeds on Natividad Island; Bottom – Laysan Albatross (*Phoebastria immutabilis*) pictured here on Guadalupe Island, but it also nests farther south in the species only subtropical breeding colony in the world on the Revillagigedo Archipelago. Photos by Victor Ayala Perez (top left and top right) and Yuri Vladimir Albores Barajas (bottom).