

Leach's Petrel

Oceanodroma leucorhoa

Is slightly larger than the Storm Petrel however they are small birds, weighing in at 45 grams. They have a dark brown colour, a white rump and long wings. Bill, feet and eyes are black. Flutter like butterflies and constantly change direction of flight.

Breed in dense colonies, nest in the bottom of a deep burrow in the earth.

They are rare in Europe, most of the population is in Newfoundland and the Pacific. The largest European Colony is in Elliðaey in the Westman Islands in south Iceland.

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