

KURE

MIDWAY

PEARL AND
HERMES REEF

The OUTER Outer Islands

LISIANSKI

LAYSAN

MARO
REEF

They stretch northwest for some 1,200 miles, from Kauai to Kure. They range in size from a few acres to two square miles. They are either reefs and shoals or volcanic rock.

There is little human habitation. Two people—a man and his wife—share a tent on Laysan (aerial photo on cover) and are supplied by Coast Guard drops. They are spending six months there, studying the rare Hawaiian monk seal.

Twenty men and two dogs live at the Coast Guard station on Tern Island at French Frigate Shoals. And 1,300 Navy personnel live at the base on Midway.

In 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt designated the Leeward Islands (except Midway and Kure) a wildlife sanctuary, so today they remain rich with wildlife. Huge marine turtles, millions of seabirds, Hawaiian-monk seals...

Tern Island, one of the 10 or so islets that make up French Frigate Shoals.



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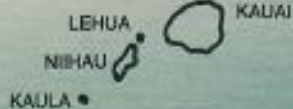
GARDNER
PINNACLES

FRENCH
FRIGATE
SHOALS

NECKER

NIHOA

LEHUA
NIHAU
KAULA



Nihoa, 150 miles from Kauai, is the nearest of the Leeward Hawaiian Islands. Hawaiians once lived here; now it is home to birds and seals.

Crossing the dateline at sunrise...



Necker, where relics of early Polynesian religious ceremonies have been found.

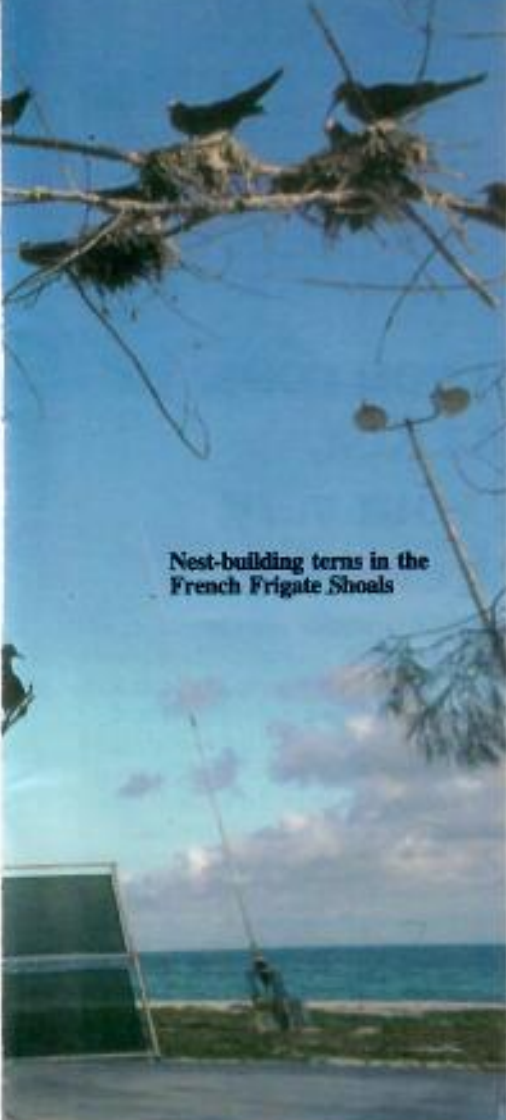





A gooney bird strikes a pose.




Midway's remnants of war...



Nest-building terns in the French Frigate Shoals



Laying on Midway are about 1,300 people and half a million gooney birds (albatross). "It's like living in a bird cage," says one disgruntled Navy wife, "only no one ever changes the sand."



The Hawaiian monk seal (that's algae on its fur) is listed as an endangered species. It does not adapt easily to the presence of man, and tiger sharks feed on the young pups. This seal is resting on Tern Island



This HC-130 is used by the Coast Guard for patrolling the new 200-mile zone of U.S. territorial waters. Flying at 500 to 1,500 feet, the Coast Guard watches for non-American fishing vessels—and any violations of the wildlife preserve.



...the sanctuary enables them to breed, to survive

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