

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*, a new species for the Galápagos Islands, Ecuador

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata* breeds across much of the northern Holarctic and, in the Western Hemisphere, winters in southern North America, the West Indies, Central America and north-west South America^{2,5,6}. In mainland Ecuador there were six records in 1988–2012, in prov. Santa Elena and Manabí (Table 1).

On 22 October 2011, PF and a group of tourists photographed an unusual bird, apparently healthy judging by its behaviour and fresh plumage, at Punta Moreno lagoon (00°43'6.24"S 90°20'21.41"W), Isabela Island, Galápagos, Ecuador. It had a long, broad spatula-like, orange bill with blackish culmen, reddish-orange legs and brownish-mottled body (with darker upperparts).

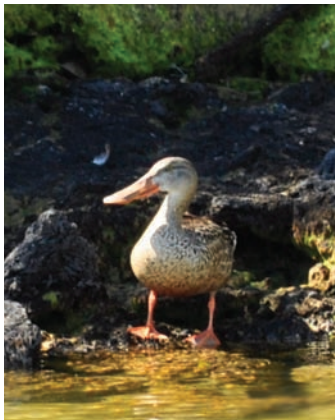


Figure 1. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*, Punta Moreno lagoon, Isabela Island, Galápagos, Ecuador, 22 October 2011 (Peter Freire)

PF identified it as a Northern Shoveler and the photographs (Fig. 1) subsequently permitted GJU to confirm the identification and to establish that the bird was an adult female.

This is the first record of Northern Shoveler in the Galápagos and brings the number of bird species recorded in the archipelago (including vagrants and introductions)^{3,4,7} to 156. Northern Shoveler must be considered a vagrant to the archipelago.

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Table 1. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata* records from mainland Ecuador.

Date	Location			No. of individuals	Observers
	Lagoon	Sector	Province		
29 Feb 1988	Ecuasal	Mar Bravo	Santa Elena	one male, one female	P. Shepherd, A. Marshall ^{1,2,6}
20 Jan 2007		Pacoa		one male	R. S. Ridgely, B. Haase, F. Sornoza, R. Quinn ^{1,2}
3 Mar 2007		La Segua	Manabí	one male	J. F. Freire ¹
Jan 2008				seven	F. Sornoza ²
21 Feb 2010	Ecuasal	Pacoa	Santa Elena	one male	B. Haase ²
Jan–May 2012				15	B. Haase (pers. comm.)