

## Yellow tropicbirds in the Atlantic?

In September 1994 near Cape Hatteras, North Carolina (USA), an adult White-tailed Tropicbird *Phaethon lepturus* was seen which exhibited a golden-apricot wash over its white plumage. I am familiar with occasional rosy-plumaged individuals in the Caribbean, but I've never heard of any "golden" birds in the North Atlantic. Are there apricot-plumaged individuals found in subspecies other than *P. l. fulvus* (Christmas Island)? Can anyone tell me of other occurrences in the Atlantic?

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