The Flesh-footed Shearwater is a dark brown shearwater with pink legs and feet. These birds are found in New Zealand and Australia, and migrate to Korea, Japan and the northern Indian Ocean. Some even make it as far as California. They head off on their migration journeys in March or April and return home in September and October.

Flesh-footed Shearwaters eat fish, squid, octopus and nautilus. They chase and catch their food while diving into the sea, sometimes diving as deep as four metres.

When it comes time to breed, Flesh-footed Shearwaters nest in colonies on islands covered by scrub or forest. Each nesting pair will dig a burrow that they will probably use again year after year. The female lays one egg. Both male and female birds will help incubate the eggs and guard the chicks once they have hatched. Chicks are fed by both parents who regurgitate their food for the chicks. They are fed, on average, every second night until they are up to 12 days old. After this, the parents will leave the burrow with the chick leaving soon after. They are able to fly straight away and are then independent of parents. Flesh-footed Shearwaters can live to more than 30 years of age.

Visit the following websites for more information about Flesh-footed Shearwaters:

- Video footage including noise of the Shearwater colony - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIlfFNA1BSg

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