

Determined to survive, Ashcraft created a sail from scraps of material and charted a path to Hawaii, which was 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) away. Having lost 40 pounds (18 kilograms) during her ordeal, Ashcraft was thin and haggard when she arrived. Ashcraft, who still sails, eventually told her tale of survival in a book called *Red Sky in Mourning*. Traveling only two miles an hour, Ashcraft reached her destination 41 days later. However, she was happy and grateful to have beaten the odds.