

On 9 May, BP found 300+ Bobolinks at the poultry farm n. of the Grand Bahama Highway. There could have been hundreds more, as he only flushed the ones near the road. Two Bobolinks were at Pitman's Pond, Bermuda 13-15 May (DBW). Further evidence of Shiny Cowbird's establishment on New Providence I. was the group of 12-15 at Rainbow Farms, Cowpen Rd. 31 Mar (NL), one at Mount Pleasant Village 4 Apr (CW), and 2 at St. Augustine's Monastery 29 Apr (PD, ph. TH). On 13 Apr, 5 critically endangered Montserrat Orioles were present in the Centre Hills along with 4 Forest Thrushes and 3 Brown Tremblers (JVG et al., *vide* MK). There are fewer than five reports of Orchard Oriole from the Bahamas. A mixed flock of 4 Baltimore Orioles and 4 Orchard Orioles (2 first-year males and 2 females) near Shirley Street, Nassau 18-22 May (ph. TH, PD) provided the first documented record for the country. Five Hispaniolan Crossbills were near the upper end of the Alcoa Rd., Sierra del Baoruco N.P., Dominican Republic 9-10 Mar (KW et al.), a typical location. Nutmeg Mannikins were noted on Dominica (JVG et al.).

**Addenda:** GL reported and photographed a **White Stork** in ne. Martinique near the mouth of Rivière du Lorrain 5 Feb. The first West Indian report of a White Stork was at Antigua 14 Aug 1993 (NG).

Venezuelan ornithologists (RL, DE, and JPa) surveyed Aves I. (15° 40' N, 63°37' W) in Feb and found 12,100 breeding pairs of Sooty Terns and 5500 breeding pairs of Brown Noddies. If they had been able to conduct the survey later in the season, the numbers would have been even higher.

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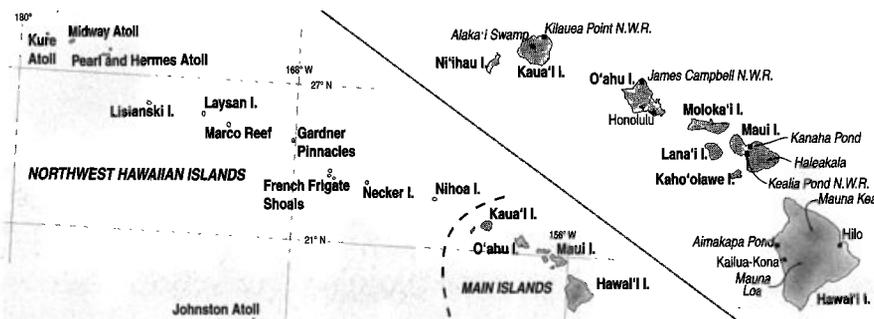
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## Hawaiian Islands

### WATERFOWL THROUGH PHEASANTS

A Greater White-fronted Goose remained at Kualapu'u Res., Moloka'i I. Mar-9 May (ADY), and one that has been at Waiakea Pond, H. for several years was joined by another 18-20 Apr (DL). A Snow Goose lingered at Kawai'ele, K. Mar-26 Apr (V.E.N.T., EV, RD); another was at Kealia Mar-5 Apr (MN). A Brant was at Hanalei Mar-30 Apr (BZ). Greater White-fronteds are rare in the Region, but Snow Geese are even rarer, while Brant are uncommon. Two imm. Bewick's Swans that had been on Moloka'i I. were last seen mid-Mar at Kualapu'u Res. (ADY). Two Whistling Swans, first seen 30 Jan, lingered at the Kauai Lagoons, K. through at least 8 Mar (S&PS). Both of these subspecies of Tundra Swan are very rare in the Region. A Gadwall that had frequented Waiakea Pond, H. since Jan (m.ob.) remained Apr+. A flock of 4 Garganeys was observed on Laysan I. 15-21 Mar (CM, KP, CT). Both species are rare in the Region. The last reports of diving ducks were 4 Ring-necked Ducks and 14 Lesser Scaup at Kualapu'u Res., Moloka'i I. (ADY).



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Spring can be a very quiet season in the Hawaiian Islands, but this year we received good numbers of observations. A few very rare migrants that lingered into the spring provided some excitement, but there was bad news about the native forest birds on Kaua'i Island. The weather was generally dry, but the one rainy period was disruptive for native waterbirds.

**Abbreviations:** FFS. (French Frigate Shoals, Hawaiian Islands N.W.R.); H. (Hawai'i I.); HRBP (Hawaii Rare Bird Documentary Photo-

graph; used with image catalog number from the HRBP file at Bishop Museum, Honolulu); Hakalau (Hakalau N.W.R., Hawai'i I.); Hanalei (Hanalei N.W.R., Kaua'i I.); Honouliuli (Honouliuli Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu I.); K. (Kaua'i I.); Kanaha (Kanaha Pond, Maui I.); Kealia (Kealia Pond N.W.R., Maui I.); Kii (Ki'i Unit of James Campbell N.W.R., O'ahu I.); Kokee (Koke'e S.P., Kaua'i I.); K.P. (Kilauea Pt. N.W.R., Kaua'i I.); M. (Maui I.); Midway (Midway Atoll N.W.R.); O. (O'ahu I.); Ohiapilo ('Ohi'apilo Pond, Moloka'i I.); Pouhala (Pouhala Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, O'ahu I.); Waiawa (Waiawa Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu I.); Waikamoi (Waikamoi Preserve, Maui I.).

Five Black Francolins were found near Makakilo, O. 4 May (EV). Black Francolins have rarely been reported on O'ahu, but they seem to have increased in abundance recently in w. O'ahu. Common Peafowl were found to be abundant over a large area of s. Maui I. in May. The birds ranged from near sea level to 1600 m (RD). Common Peafowl have been long established in the Region, but we seldom get much information on their abundance.

## ALBATROSSES THROUGH FALCONS

Two Short-tailed Albatrosses (Endangered) were observed on Midway. An ad. frequented Sand I. near a group of decoys Oct 2006–7 Mar, while an imm. was seen mainly on Eastern I. Oct through at least 7 Mar (JK). Single Red-billed Tropicbirds were observed on Nihoa I. 24 Mar (IJ, CR, CS) and in Waimanalo O. 2 (EV, LY) & 10 Apr (MW). Two Red-billeds were observed in Waimanalo 1–4 Apr (EV, LY). Red-billeds are rare in the Region but have been reported fairly regularly in the



Among the waterfowl that lingered well into the spring of 2007 was this drake Gadwall photographed at Waiakea Pond on the Big Island of Hawai'i on 8 April. Gadwall is rare in the Hawaiian Islands region, and most Gadwalls that are discovered are too shy to be photographed well. This bird was in a pond where resident ducks and geese are frequently fed and was much tamer than the usual migrant ducks in the region. Photograph by Michael Walther.

past few years. A Nazca Booby was observed at FFS. 30 Mar (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). This is the 3rd report in the Region for the species, which was split from Masked Booby in 2000. Observers on Laysan I. discovered a Brewster's Brown Booby 7 Apr (CM, KP, CT). Another Lesser Frigatebird was seen at FFS. 31 May (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service).

An imm. Great Blue Heron was observed at K.P. 26 Mar (DL, m.ob.), and an imm. remained in Kahuku, O. Dec–28 Mar (MS). Great Blues are rare but regular in the Region. A White-faced Ibis remained on Moloka'i I. Mar+ (ADY), and another was at Kii Mar–26 Apr (MS). A single White-faced was observed 19 Mar at Kealia (DP, m.ob.). Three White-faced Ibis were seen at Honouliuli 25 Mar (PD); 2 remained 11 Apr (MS). An ibis at Honouliuli 25 Apr (MS) represented the last report of the sea-

**SA** The reports on Kaua'i I. forest birds are discouraging. David Kuhn reports that the 'Akikiki (Endangered) continues its decline. Even more disturbing, the population of the 'Akeke'e, which is not even listed federally as Endangered, has crashed. According to David, other native birds, including the 'Anianiau, Kaua'i 'Amakihi, 'I'iwi, and 'Apapane have also declined in the past several years. Sadly, there may not be much anyone can do. According to Eric VanderWerf, many native forest birds are extremely vulnerable to mosquito-borne diseases, and disease-bearing mosquitoes are moving into higher elevations that used to be mosquito-free.

son. Plegadis ibises are historically rare in the Region but have been reported regularly since a flock of 10 appeared on Kaua'i I. in autumn 2003. So far, all the birds that have been identified to species have been White-faced. Single Peregrine Falcons were observed at Kealia 3 Mar (*vide* MN), at Kaneohe O. 22 Mar (DN) and at K.P. 18 Apr (EV, BZ).

## SHOREBIRDS THROUGH PASSERINES

Dry weather produced poor conditions for Hawaiian Stilts (Endangered) on Maui I., and numbers there were very low (MN). Rainfall averaged near normal on O'ahu I., but rainy weather in Mar and dry weather later in the season disrupted nesting (MS, PD). A Sharp-tailed Sandpiper was observed at Kii 27 Mar (PD), and 3 were present on Laysan I. 4–21 Apr (CM, KP, CT). Sharp-taileds are regular in the fall but very rare in the spring. A Dunlin in alternate plumage was observed at Ohia-pilo 22 May (ADY). Four Ruffs, making an unusually high count, were seen on Laysan I. 4–7 Apr (CM, KP, CT). There were 2 Red Phalaropes on Laysan I. 3–7 Apr (CM, KP, CT), a species rare but regular in the Region.

Laughing Gulls were widespread Mar+ (m.ob.), with an unusually high count of 4 at Kawai'ele 22 Mar (MW). Single Franklin's Gulls were seen on Laysan 9 May (CM, KP, CT), at Kealia 17 May, and at FFS. 19 & 31 May (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). Sin-

gle Ring-billed Gulls were spotted at Honouliuli 25 Mar (PD) and Waiawa 26 Mar (PD). A Common Tern, not common in the Region, was observed at an aquaculture farm in Palaaui Moloka'i I. 20 & 23 Mar (ADY). A flock of 56 parakeets, mostly Red-masked with several Blue-crowned, was observed in e. Honolulu, O. 3 Mar (MO). This flock has persisted for several years and seems to be growing. Fourteen Burrowing Parrots were seen in Kainaliu, H. 7 Apr (RD). These parrots are infrequently reported, and their status is poorly known. Hundreds of Rose-ringed Parakeets were observed in the Makiki area of Honolulu, O. 19 Mar (DP). Rose-ringed seem to be well established on O'ahu I. but are seldom reported. That may be because the birds are found in urban areas not popular for birding.

Japanese Bush-Warblers were heard calling



Yellow-faced Grassquits, native to the Caribbean region, have been established in the Ko'olau mountains of O'ahu Island for several decades but had not been found elsewhere on the island until Eric VanderWerf discovered some in the Waianae Mountains of southwestern O'ahu Island in early (here 15) May 2007. Photograph by Michael Walther.

around Volcano, H. late May into early Jun, a new location for this species, which continues to expand its range (RC, TP, CC). Two Yellow-

**SA** The **White-tailed Eagle** first reported on Kaua'i I. in Dec 2006 apparently remained on Kaua'i Mar+ (m.ob.). This is the only White-tailed Eagle ever reported in the Region. The eagle reportedly flew threateningly toward a tour helicopter 30 Apr (*vide* BZ). (A Golden Eagle that lived on Kaua'i I. for many years was killed when it attacked, and collided with, a tour helicopter.) After stories about the White-tailed Eagle appeared in the local news media, reports proliferated. Some of these reports were obviously incorrect, and it became difficult to separate genuine reports from erroneous ones. It does appear that the eagle ranged widely on Kaua'i. A report of a large raptor on O'ahu I. led to speculation that the White-tailed Eagle had left Kaua'i I., but photographs of a raptor at Pearl Harbor 7 May proved to be of an Osprey (ph. MW).

faced Grassquits were seen in the Waianae Mt. area of sw. O'ahu I. 4 May (ph. EV), and 4 were seen in the same area 15 May (ph. MW). Yellow-faced Grassquits had previously been reported only in the Ko'olau Mt. of ne. O'ahu I. In the past few years, grassquits have become hard to find in the Ko'olau. We continue to get regular reports from tour groups of very rare birds on the big island. Palila, 'Akiapola'au, and Hawai'i Creepers (all Endangered) were found regularly Mar+ (H.F.T., DP), but few details were provided. We did get more specific data on 'Akiapola'au and Hawaii Creeper in the Humu'ula Saddle, H., where up to 4 'Akiapola'au were counted regularly Mar+ (BR) and single Hawaii Creepers were located 5 Apr and 5 May (BR). One 'Akohekohe (Endangered) was seen and others heard at Waikamoi 20 Mar (DP, m.ob.).

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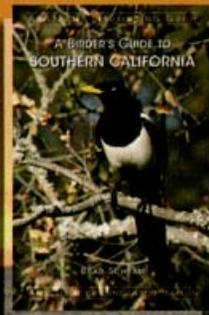
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