

## BLACK SCOTER

*Melanitta nigra*

**non-breeding visitor, vagrant**

*M.n. americana*

Black Scoters breed in sub-arctic regions across Eurasia and N America, and winter in coastal waters S to Japan, n. Mexico, Florida, and the Mediterranean Sea (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1952, Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998). There are two records for the Hawaiian Islands, both from *Midway*: a first-cycle male was photographed ([HRBP](#) 0343-0344) and then collected 22 Nov 1990 (USNM 599954; [HRBP](#) 5079 of specimen) and a pair was observed 16 Dec 2008. The specimen and male of the observed pair were determined to be of the expected subspecies *americana* of Siberia and N America rather than the nominate subspecies *nigra* of Europe and Russia.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

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