

RUDDY DUCK

Oxyura jamaicensis

Non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

Ruddy Ducks breed in w. N America from e. Alaska south to s. California and Texas (occasionally in Mexico), and winter S to n. C America and the Caribbean (AOU 1998). A few vagrants have reached the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands* in Dec and Jan (five substantiated records of 11 individuals), the only records for the Pacific basin.

Ruddy Ducks have been reported as follows: on *O'ahu* a pair was at Ka'elepulu 23 Dec 1945 (then a large undeveloped pond and wetland), 2 males were at He'eia wetland 16 Dec 1984 (*E* 45:82) followed by 3 males (likely including the 2 He'eia birds) at Waipi'o 22 Jan 1985, and one was in the W Loch of Pearl Harbor 8 Jan 2005; on *Maui* 2 males and 2 females were observed at Kealia Pond 18 Dec 1993-26 Jan 1994; and on *Hawai'i I* a male was observed on a cattle pond on Mauna Kea 8 Dec 1993 (*FN* 48:251-252). Without further information we consider as unsubstantiated reports of 3 Ruddy Ducks tallied on [DOFAW Waterbird Surveys](#) on Hawai'i ≤ 1952 (Udvardy 1961), one mentioned for Hawai'i I. in 1966 by Berger (1972, 1981), and one reportedly collected at Midway in Nov 1980 (whereabouts of specimen unknown).

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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