

## **SURF SCOTER**

*Melanitta perspicillata*

**non-breeding visitor, vagrant**

monotypic

This N American species breeds in Alaska and n. Canada and winters in Pacific coastal waters from the Aleutian Is. to coastal Baja California and along the N Atlantic coast (AOU 1998). It occurs casually in Europe and e. Siberia, rarely in coastal Japan, and one male has reached Guam (Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998, Wiles et al. 2000). Two have occurred in the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*: a first-fall bird (probable male) at Kawaiele, *Kaua'i* 22-23 Nov 2003 ([HRBP](#) 5045-5047, published *NAB* 58:163), and an emaciated first-winter female found in the surf near Waikiki, *O'ahu* 24 Dec 1959 that died 27 Dec (BPBM 6708; [HRBP](#) 5655-5659 of specimen; *E* 22:55).

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

Citation: Pyle, R.L., and P. Pyle. 2009. The Birds of the Hawaiian Islands: Occurrence, History, Distribution, and Status. B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI, U.S.A. Version 1 (31 December 2009) <http://hbs.bishopmuseum.org/birds/rlp-monograph/>