

EARED GREBE

Podiceps nigricollis

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

subspecies?

The Eared Grebe occurs throughout temperate North America and Eurasia, wintering to the south of the breeding range, as far as Central America in the New World (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951a, Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998). The only record for the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* is of a well-described bird in basic plumage on the saline lake on *Laysan* 11-26 Nov 1998. Reports from residents on Laysan of "small divers that must be grebes" in the early 1900s (Wetmore *in* Olson 1996b:117) might also pertain to this species. In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, an Eared Grebe in basic plumage appeared at the Lowe Aquafarm near Kahuku, *O'ahu* 19 Feb 1983 and had molted into alternate plumage when last seen 1 Apr ([HRBP](#) 0220-0223, 0380-0381). One of the photographs showing the opened primaries ([HRBP](#) 0223) suggests that it was of the N American subspecies *P.n. californicus* rather than the nominate Eurasian subspecies, but we prefer to leave the subspecies question unresolved. The nominate subspecies might be more likely on Laysan. Another Eared Grebe turned up at Kealia Pond NWR, *Maui*, 1 Oct 2009 and observed here and at Kanaha Pond through at least 15 Dec ([HRBP](#) 5606-5608, 5821).

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