

HORNED GREBE

Podiceps auritus

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

subspecies?

The Horned Grebe occurs throughout North America and Eurasia, breeding as far north as central Alaska and Siberia and wintering S of the breeding range to Japan and n. Baja California (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951a, Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998). Only two records for the Hawaiian Islands occur, both on *Kaua'i* in the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*. One bird in basic plumage was first sighted 26 Dec 1976 near the mouth of the Wailua River (*E* 37:123), attained alternate plumage by 24 Apr 1977 ([HRBP](#) 0104-0106), and remained until 30 May 1977. Another Horned Grebe in basic plumage, on the Mana House Reservoir near Kawaiele 15 Jan 1986, was well described. The photographs of the first bird do not allow confirmation of subspecies, between *P.a. auritus* of the Palearctic and *cornutus* of the Nearctic.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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