

EURASIAN DOTTEREL

Charadrius morinellus

Other: Dotterel (<1983)

monotypic

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

The Eurasian Dotterel breeds locally in w. Alaska and across Eurasia, and winters from s. Europe to Japan (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951c, Cramp and Simmons 1983, AOU 1998). Vagrants have been recorded along the Pacific coast of N America (CBRC 2007) but a single record in the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* constitutes the only occurrence in the c. or w. Pacific (Pratt et al. 1987). On 9 Sep 1964 a first-fall female Eurasian Dotterel was captured in a mist net on Green Island, *Kure*, and collected (Clapp and Woodward 1968, Woodward 1972; USNM 494299; [HRBP](#) 5087-5090 of specimen). It had been observed within flocks of [Pacific Golden-Plovers](#) for several days previous to capture. Reference to "dotterels (*Charadrius morinellus*)" shot on Ni'ihau 15 Mar 1792 (Menzies 1794) almost certainly refers to Pacific Golden-Plovers.

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