

## HUDSONIAN GODWIT

*Limosa haemastica*

**non-breeding visitor, vagrant**

monotypic

The Hudsonian Godwit is a long-distance migrant through the Americas, breeding in Alaska and the Hudson Bay region and wintering in s. S America (AOU 1998). It is rare in the c. Pacific, having been recorded in the Marshall Is, Fiji, and once in the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, although it is a regular winter visitor to New Zealand (Pratt et al. 1987, Clapp and Schipper 1990, Higgins and Davies 1996).

A first-fall godwit at Kuilima Reservoir, O'ahu, 16 Nov 1975 was behind a locked fence and observers could not verify whether it was a Hudsonian or a [Black-tailed](#) godwit (*E* 37:8; Pyle 1977-1983). Hudsonian was felt to be the more likely species, and this opinion was strengthened when an adult Hudsonian Godwit in worn alternate plumage showed up at Waipi'o, *O'ahu*, 21-29 Jul 1987 (*E* 47:112, *AB* 41:1490; [HRBP](#) 0638-0643, 0711-0712). However, the later appearance of a Black-tailed Godwit on Maui and O'ahu in 2000-2002 (see [Black-tailed Godwit](#)) indicated that the 1975 individual could have been of either species. Another Hudsonian Godwit was observed and photographed at the Ki'i Unit of JCNWR, O'ahu 13 Sep-3 Oct 2007 ([HRBP](#) 5417, 5699, published *NAB* 62:175).

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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