

LESSER SAND-PLOVER

Charadrius mongolus

Other: Mongolian Plover (<2004)

C.m. stegmanni?

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

The Lesser Sand-Plover breeds in ne. Eurasia and extreme w. Alaska and winters to India, SE Asia, and Australia (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951c, Cramp and Simmons 1983, Marchant and Higgins 1993, AOU 1998). It is a regular migrant and/or wintering species among w. Pacific Islands including the Aleutians and Micronesia (E to the Marshall Is), and it has occurred as a vagrant along the w. and e. coasts of North America, on Fiji, Wake Atoll, and in the Hawaiian Islands (Pratt et al. 1987, AOU 1998, Wiles 2005, CBRC 2007, Rauzon et al. 2008). There are but two records of Lesser Sand-Plover in the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*: a first-fall female was captured by hand on *Lisianski* 4 Sep 1967 (USNM 543063; [HRBP](#) 5087-5088 of specimen; Clapp and Wirtz 1975), and a well-described, probable one-year-old bird (in partial summer plumage) was observed on Sand I, *Midway* 11 July 1997. The specimen was tentatively identified by the POBSP collectors as of the expected *C.m. stegmanni*, which breeds on the Kamchatka Peninsula. Given the range of this species it is somewhat surprising that there are not more records from the Hawaiian Islands.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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