

Piping Plover

Charadrius melodus

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

A shorebird at Waipi'o Peninsula, O'ahu 14 Sep 1969 was reported to be a Piping Plover (*E* 30:38-39) but accompanying descriptive notes are inadequate to thoroughly identify the species and we (along with HAS 1971-2005 and Pyle 1977-2002) consider it unsubstantiated. The Piping Plover breeds in interior N America and winters S to the Caribbean Is. and Mexico, rarely to s. California (AOU 1998). There are no extralimital records in the Pacific basin (Pratt et al. 1987). Pale [Semipalmated Plovers](#) are occasionally encountered in Hawaii (e.g. [HRBP](#) 5194-5196) and might be mistaken for Piping Plovers.