

Snowy Plover

Charadrius alexandrinus

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

Snowy Plovers breed and winter in temperate latitudes throughout the world (AOU 1998). They occur rarely in winter to w. Micronesia, E to Yap (Wiles 2005), but there are no other confirmed records for the Pacific (Pratt et al. 1987, AOU 1998). A bird recorded by experienced observers at the Nu'upia Ponds, Mokapu Peninsula, O'ahu, 1 Sep 1958 (*E* 19:24) was likely a Snowy Plover, and perhaps the same individual was reported near Kahuku 26 Oct 1958 (*E* 19:36). It was included on lists for Hawaii by Peterson (1961, Appendix II), Pyle (1977-1983), and the AOU (1983, as "questionable"). No thorough descriptions were recorded at the time of observation, the observers could not recall details many years later, and based on this it was considered unsubstantiated and removed from the Hawaii checklist by Pyle (1988). Pale [Semipalmated Plovers](#) are occasionally encountered in Hawaii (e.g. [HRBP](#) 5194-5196) and might be mistaken for Snowy Plovers.