WILSON PHALAROPE   *Phalaropus tricolor*

non-breeding visitor, vagrant   monotypic

       Wilson Phalaropes breed in cw. N America (primarily in Prairie and Great Basin regions) and winter largely in S America (AOU 1998). They have turned up as vagrants world-wide, including Europe, the Galapagos, Easter, and Clipperton Is, Australia, and New Zealand (Cramp and Simmons 1983, Howell et al. 1993, Higgins and Davies 1996), as well as Johnston Atoll 14 Aug 1964 (Amerson and Shelton 1976). In the Hawaiian Islands they have been recorded almost exclusively as fall vagrants, with 90% of 42 individuals arriving in Aug-Sep and 79% occurring between 1964 and 1988. There is one winter record.

       There are two records for the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*, both from **French Frigate**. An individual that arrived there exhausted on 5 Aug 1979, died the following day, and was collected (BPBM 161304), and one was present from 10 Aug-early Sep 1985. In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands* there are records for 41 individuals from **Kaua'i** (1 at Hanalei NWR 5-12 Sep 2000; HRBP 1318-1319), **O'ahu** (28, 1964-2002; e.g., *E* 25:48, 29:38, 31:104-105; HRBP 0002-0005, 0425), **Moloka'i** (1 at Ohiapilo Wetland 6-15 Aug 2007), **Maui** (9, 1966-2008; e.g., *E* 32:39, 37:47; HRBP 0983), and **Hawai'i I** (2, 1985-1997; e.g., HRBP 0466-0467). Two or more birds were observed together eight times, with a high count of 4 recorded at the Ki'i unit of JCNWR 30 Aug 1983. The earliest fall arrival was reported 11 Jul (1966, Kanaha Pond, Maui; *E* 27:32) and the latest fall record was on 16 Oct (2008, Kealia). One confirmed winter record was of a bird photographed at Waipi'o Peninsula, O'ahu, 1 Jan 1979 (HRBP 0425); two other unsubstantiated reports from winter and spring were based on tentative identifications.

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