

White-throated Laughingthrush

Garrulax albogularis

hypothetical, erroneous report

This native species of the Himalayan region and Taiwan (Long 1981, Ali and Ripley 1996b), also known as "Collared" Laughingthrush or Thrush, was reported by Caum (1933) as introduced to the vicinity of Lihue, Kaua'i, in 1919. Observers through the 1960s (e.g. Munro 1944, Bryan 1958, Peterson 1961, Richardson and Bowles 1964, Swedberg 1967a; *E* 7:40, 20:9-10, 27:29, 27:90), and even into the 1970s (Berger 1972, Blake 1975; *E* 31:47-48, 34:17, 35:121) continued to report this species, apparently without critical identification, despite Pilling's (*E* 23:23) report in 1961 that he was quite sure that they were the similar-appearing [Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush](#). In the 1970s the laughingthrushes around Lihue were confirmed to be of the latter species, and we consider all reports of White-throated Laughingthrushes to have been misidentified [Greater Necklaced Laughingthrushes](#) (see also Pratt et al. 1987). We thus disagree with Berger (1981), who lists both species as having been established on Kaua'i during these separate time periods, and consider the occurrence of White-throated Laughingthrush ever in Hawaii as erroneously reported. A tentative report from O'ahu in 1947 (*E* 8:5) turned out to be of the [Gray-sided Laughingthrush](#), and this was undoubtedly the source of Bryan's (1958) listing of them being introduced to O'ahu around 1950.

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