

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO

Coccyzus americanus

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

Yellow-billed Cuckoos breed throughout most of North America S to n. Mexico and the West Indies, and withdraw in winter to n. S America (AOU 1998). Vagrants have been recorded in Europe (Cramp and Simmons 1985), Clipperton I (Howell et al. 1993), and once in the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*, where one was well observed, described, and distantly but diagnostically photographed at *Laysan* 1 Nov 1994 ([HRBP 1070-1071](#)). Populations of W North America, perhaps the most likely origin for the Laysan individual, have been considered a separate subspecies ("*C.a. occidentalis*") but we here consider the species monotypic (*cf.* Pyle 1997).

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

Citation: Pyle, R.L., and P. Pyle. 2009. The Birds of the Hawaiian Islands: Occurrence, History, Distribution, and Status. B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI, U.S.A. Version 1 (31 December 2009) <http://hbs.bishopmuseum.org/birds/rlp-monograph/>