

## EARED GREBE

*Podiceps nigricollis*

**non-breeding visitor, vagrant**

*P.n. californicus*

The Eared Grebe occurs throughout temperate North America and Eurasia, wintering to the south of the breeding range, as far as Central America in the New World (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951a, Cramp and Simmons 1977, AOU 1998). There are four substantiated records for the Hawaiian Islands. The only record for the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* is of a well-described bird in basic plumage on the saline lake on **Laysan** 11-26 Nov 1998. Reports from residents on Laysan of "small divers that must be grebes" in the early 1900s (Wetmore *in* Olson 1996b:117) might also pertain to this species. In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, an Eared Grebe in formative or basic plumage appeared at the Lowe Aquafarm near Kahuku, **O'ahu** 19 Feb 1983 and had molted into alternate plumage when last seen 1 Apr ([HRBP](#) 0220-0223, 0380-0381). Another Eared Grebe turned up at Kealia Pond NWR, **Maui**, 1 Oct 2009 and was observed here and at Kanaha Pond through at least 15 Dec ([HRBP](#) 5606-5608, 5821). On **Kaua'i**, a first-fall Eared Grebe was found on a hotel lawn along Nawiliwili Bay near Lihue 29 Oct 2012. It was taken to a nearby [SOS](#) rescue center, where it perished due to a badly abraded keel ([HRBP](#) 6034-6036) and was sent to BPBM (185676).

Photographs showing the opened primaries of the Kaua'i ([HRBP](#) 6036) and O'ahu ([HRBP](#) 0223) birds indicate that both were of the N American subspecies *P.n. californicus* rather than the nominate Eurasian subspecies. The nominate subspecies might be more likely on Laysan but the descriptions of that bird do not allow assessment of subspecies.

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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