

## BAIRD'S SANDPIPER

*Calidris bairdii*

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

Baird's Sandpipers breed in arctic N America (Alaska-Greenland) and winter in s. S America (AOU 1998). Vagrants have been recorded virtually worldwide (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951c, Cramp and Simmons 1983, Higgins and Davies 1996, AOU 1998), including Johnston Atoll (5 Sep 1995) and the Hawaiian Islands, where they are rare visitors, primarily in fall.

There are records of 4 individuals from the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*. At *Midway* individuals were observed 6 May 2001 and 17 Sep-2 Oct 2001, and on *Laysan* 2 first-fall females were collected by POSBP personnel 6 Sep 1967 (Woodard and Clapp 1969; USNM 543044-5).

In the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands* records for 10 of 12 Baird's Sandpipers have been from *O'ahu* during 1968-1988 (e.g., Woodward and Clapp 1969, Donaldson 1981, *E* 48:22; USNM 544275; [HRBP](#) 0194, 0241-0243, 0316-0317, 0320-0323, 0605, published *E* 42:13 and *AB* 37:227). All but one have involved fall transients recorded between 8 Aug (1981, Waipi'o) and 30 Sep (1983, Kahuku). We consider two tentative reports of later birds, 9 Nov 1967 at Waipi'o (*E* 28:89) and 18 Oct-6 Nov 2003 at the Ki'i unit of JCNWR, to be unsubstantiated. Three individuals occurred in 1983 including 2 together at Ki'i during 31 Aug-1 Sep. The third, at Waipi'o, is the only adult recorded (and is possibly the same as one recorded there in fall 1982); most or all of the other records have involved first-fall birds. One described by several experienced observers at Waipi'o 1 Mar-1 Apr 1985 was presumably an early spring transient, as observers had visited the area throughout the winter; this and the Midway bird in May are the only records outside of the fall migration period. The other two records in the Southeastern Islands are from *Kaua'i* (Hanalei, 18 Aug 1976; [HRBP](#) 0095-0098) and *Maui* (Kealia NWR, 15-23 Aug 1992).

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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