The Hudsonian Godwit is a long-distance migrant through the Americas, breeding in Alaska and the Hudson Bay region and wintering in s. S America (AOU 1998). It is rare in the c. Pacific, having been recorded in the Marshall Is, Fiji, and confirmed twice in the Southeastern Hawaiian Islands, although it is a regular winter visitor to New Zealand (Pratt et al. 1987, Clapp and Schipper 1990, Higgins and Davies 1996).

A first-fall godwit at Kuilima Reservoir, O'ahu, 16 Nov 1975 was behind a locked fence and observers could not verify whether it was a Hudsonian or a Black-tailed godwit (E 37:8; Pyle 1977-1983). Hudsonian was felt to be the more likely species, and this opinion was strengthened when an adult Hudsonian Godwit in worn alternate plumage showed up at Waipi'o, O'ahu, 21-29 Jul 1987 (E 47:112, AB 41:1490; HRBP 0638-0643, 0711-0712). However, the later appearance of a Black-tailed Godwit on Maui and O'ahu in 2000-2002 indicated that the 1975 individual could have been of either species. Subsequently, confirmed Hudsonian Godwits were photographed at the Ki'i Unit of JCNWR, O'ahu 13 Sep-3 Oct 2007 (HRBP 5417, 5699, published NAB 62:175) and at the Kaunakakai WTP, Moloka'i 31 May to about 10 Jun 2016 (HRBP 6444-6445).

Acronyms and Abbreviations

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