

LITTLE STINT

Calidris minuta

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

Little Stints breed in Arctic Eurasia as far east as the Chukotski Peninsula, and winter primarily in Africa and India (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951c, Cramp and Simmons 1983, Higgins and Davies 1996, AOU 1998). Despite being restricted primarily to w. Eurasia, vagrants have occurred throughout the world, including California (CBRC 2007), the Marianas and Marshall Is (Glass et al. 1990), Australia, and the Hawaiian Islands, where there are four substantiated records of five individuals (cf. Pyle et al. 1988, Iiff and Sullivan 2004)..

The first three records of Little Stint from the Hawaiian Islands were detailed by Pyle et al. (1988). The first record was of a first-fall bird at **Kure**, *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* 26 Sep-10 Oct 1983 ([HRBP](#) 0270, 0273-0275 published *E* 48:72; see also Pyle 1984). The other two records are from Waipi'o Peninsula, **O'ahu**: a first-fall bird 14-25 Sep 1985 ([HRBP](#) 0659-0663 published *E* 48:72) and a spring transient molting into alternate plumage 25 Apr-2 May 1987 ([HRBP](#) 0664-0669 published *E* 48:72). The only subsequent record involves two birds together on **Midway** 7 Oct-7 Nov 2016 ([HRBP](#) 6422, 6488-6492), with one remaining at least through Dec 2016. It is possible that other individuals of this species in Hawaii have been overlooked due to their similarity to other small *Calidris* sandpipers (see [Semipalmated Sandpiper](#)).

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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