Piping Plover      Charadrius melodus

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

A shorebird at Waipi‘o Peninsula, O‘ahu 14 Sep 1969 was reported to be a Piping Plover (E 30:38-39) but accompanying descriptive notes are inadequate to thoroughly identify the species and we (along with HAS 1971-2005 and Pyle 1977-2002) consider it unsubstantiated. The Piping Plover breeds in interior N America and winters S to the Caribbean Is. and Mexico, rarely to s. California (AOU 1998). There are no extralimital records in the Pacific basin (Pratt et al. 1987). Pale Semipalmated Plovers are occasionally encountered in Hawaii (e.g. HRBP 5194-5196) and might be mistaken for Piping Plovers.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Literature cited