

## Cassin's Auklet

*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*

### hypothetical, unassisted occurrence questionable

A specimen of Cassin's Auklet (BPBM 152337, [HRBP 5387-5388](#)) was received at the Bishop Museum 17 May 1977 from the Honolulu Zoo with no information about the bird's origin, whether it reached Hawaii with or without human assistance, or its period of stay at the Zoo (Clapp 1986). Clapp concluded that this bird likely washed ashore on a beach, and it was considered a vagrant to Hawaii by Pyle (1988-2002) and the AOU (1998). The wings and tail are heavily abraded ([HRBP 5387-5388](#)), however, indicating the possibility of captive status or shipboard entrapment, and we consider this possibility enough to regard the species as hypothetical in the Hawaiian Islands. Cassin's Auklets inhabit Pacific coastal waters of N America from the e. Aleutian Is to Baja California withdrawing south to some extent in winter; there are no other reports from the Pacific basin (AOU 1998, Gaston and Jones 1998).

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

Citation: Pyle, R.L., and P. Pyle. 2017. The Birds of the Hawaiian Islands: Occurrence, History, Distribution, and Status. B.P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI, U.S.A. Version 2 (1 January 2017) <http://hbs.bishopmuseum.org/birds/rlp-monograph/>