

SANDWICH TERN

Thalasseus sandvicensis

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

T.s. acuflavida?

The Sandwich Tern breeds at s. temperate latitudes in N America, S America, and Eurasia, withdrawing in winter to subtropical latitudes, with vagrants recorded frequently outside of normal ranges (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951c, Cramp and Simmons 1985, Higgins and Davies 1996, AOU 1998, CBRC 2007). There is a single record from the Hawaiian Islands, of a first-winter bird present near Kahuku, **O'ahu** 10-12 Jan 1992 ([HRBP](#) 0950-0953, published *AB* 46:333). It showed characters consistent with the expected N American subspecies *T.s. acuflavida*. A medium-large tern photographed flying over Kanaha Beach, Maui 10-14 Dec 2006 may have been a Sandwich Tern but identification was not confirmed.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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