

Thayer's Gull

Larus thayeri

hypothetical, unassisted occurrence questionable

A specimen received by the Bishop Museum 11 May 1967 (BPBM145050) was confirmed as a Thayer's Gull (R.B. Clapp, PP examination) but it came from the Honolulu Zoo without additional information and thus its natural occurrence in the Hawaiian Islands is questionable. A gull seen alive on Tern I., French Frigate 26 Dec 1985-8 Jan 1986 and found dead 22 Jan 1986 (BPBM 161995) was identified as a Thayer's Gull at the time but was later determined to be a [Herring Gull](#) (R.B. Clapp, PP examination). A gull observed at the Ki'i Unit of JCNWR was thought possibly to be a Thayer's Gull (*E* 48:48, *AB* 42:326), but this identification was not confirmed. Thayer's Gulls breed on arctic islands of Alaska and Canada and winter primarily along the Pacific coast of N. America (AOU 1998, Howell and Dunn 2007).

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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