Arctic Warbler

Phylloscopus borealis

hypothesised, unsubstantiated

This species breeds in boreal nw. Asia and Alaska, winters in SE Asia and the Phillipines (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1954a, AOU 1998), has reached Califonia (CBRC 2007), and would be a possible vagrant to the Hawaiian Islands. It was split into three species by the AOU (2014) with the nominate subspecies (borealis) retaining Arctic Warbler as its common name. One was reported at Kilaua Point, Kaua'i 13 Feb 2000 by an experienced observer. Description appears to eliminate Japanese Bush-Warbler but may not be diagnostic of Arctic Warbler among species of this difficult genus, and especially among the Arctic Warbler group. Although most likely of this group, we consider this record unsubstantiated.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

Literature cited