

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

hypothetical, unsubstantiated

Little Egrets inhabit Eurasia, E to Japan and S to New Guinea and Australia, and visit Micronesia W to Yap (Wiles 2005, VanderWerf 2006a), where they seem to be increasing (Pratt et al. 2010). Several small white egrets that were studied on Hawai'i I and Maui in 1975-1980 were first-cycle birds that could not be distinguished between Little Egret or [Snowy Egret](#) (Scott et al. 1983, and see [Snowy Egret](#)). Another small white egret at Ki'i, O'ahu 1-2 Apr 1981 was reported as being a probable Little Egret, but it could not be identified with certainty (Pratt & Bruner 1992), and an egret observed at the Ki'i Unit of JCNWR in Apr 1990 was considered possibly a Little Egret. A bird described and photographed S of Kalaheo, Kaua'i 6 Apr 2007 matched Little Egret most closely but the best image ([HRBP 5429](#)) is not sharp enough to confirm a new species for the Hawaii list. Perhaps the same individual was briefly observed near Nawiliwili Harbor, Kaua'i 11 Jun 2007.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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