

AMERICAN BITTERN

Botaurus lentiginosus

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

American Bitterns breed across s. Canada and the n. United States and winter in southern parts of the breeding range and south through Mexico, the Caribbean, and rarely C. America (AOU 1998). Vagrants have been recorded in Europe (Cramp and Simmons 1977) and Clipperton I (Howell et al. 1993) but not elsewhere in the Pacific Basin (Pratt et al. 1987, Wiles 2005). There is a single record of American Bittern in the Hawaiian Islands, one observed and photographed at a watercress farm near the north end of the Middle Loch of Pearl Harbor, O'ahu 16 Jan-29 Mar 2013 ([HRBP](#) 6338-6341 published *NAB* 67:366). The owner of the farm reported that it had been present since at least early Dec. The record has been accepted by the [HBRC](#) in Mar 2015.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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