

WOOD SANDPIPER

Tringa glareola

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

The Wood Sandpiper is primarily a Palearctic species, breeding across n. Eurasia and wintering from s. Africa to Australia (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1951c, Higgins and Davies 1996). It has bred occasionally in the Aleutian Is, Alaska, occurs fairly regularly there as a migrant, and occurs occasionally as a vagrant throughout North America (AOU 1998, CBRC 2007). It also migrates regularly through w. Micronesia (Wiles 2005) and as far E as the Marshall Is (Schipper 1985) and the Hawaiian Islands, where fall and spring migrants as well as over-wintering birds have been recorded. Although the AOU (1957) lists Wood Sandpiper as "accidental" in Hawaii, no records prior to 1965 are known (Clapp and Woodward 1968).

All but one substantiated Wood Sandpipers have been recorded in the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands*. Clapp and Woodward (1968) and Woodward (1972) document the first three records, two males collected on *Kure* 22 May 1965 (USNM 496777, [HRBP](#) 5536 of specimen) and 15 May 1969 (USNM 544585), and a first-cycle male collected on *Midway* 11 Dec 1963 (USNM 497906, formerly 493333). The last individual likely was wintering there. Almost 30 years passed before the next records: one was on Sand I, Midway 16-18 June 1998 ([HRBP](#) 1204-1207) and 4 separate individuals were there 21 May-1 Jun 1999 ([HRBP](#) 1240-1241), with 3 at once being recorded on 25 May and 1 Jun (all 3 departed, presumably together, on the night of 1 Jun). Another Wood Sandpiper was present on Midway 1 Oct through Dec 2016 ([HRBP](#) 6438-6442). On *Laysan*, one over-wintered 16 Sep 2011-13 Jan 2012 (Rutt in press; [HRBP](#) 6435, 6436; published *NAB* 66:197). The only record for the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands* was of an elusive adult seen at Hanalei NWR, *Kaua'i*, through much of Aug 2012, finally confirmed by photograph on 28 Aug 2012 ([HRBP](#) 6437 published *NAB* 67:177), but not observed thereafter.

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