

SURFBIRD

Calidris virgata

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

The Surfbird breeds in w. Alaska and winters from se. Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, with scattered vagrants occurring throughout the Americas to the Atlantic coast (AOU 1998, VanderWerf 2013b). It was placed in the monotypic genus *Aphriza* until merged into *Calidris* by the AOU (2013). There is a single record from the Hawaiian Islands of an individual observed along the se. coast of *O'ahu* 9 Apr-10 Jul 2012 (VanderWerf 2013b; [HRBP](#) 6465-6468, published *NAB* 66:745) and (undoubtedly the same bird) on 19 Feb-5 Mar 2013. It was most frequently seen near Halona Pt but was also observed flying around Koko Head 1.5 km to the W. Although it might have arrived as a spring transient, due to the difficulty of finding it during the first period of observation (it was missed entirely from 13 May-10 Jul), VenderWerf (2013b) felt it more likely arrived the previous fall and had over-wintered undetected. We agree with this, and also that it likely over-summered in 2012 (possibly it migrated to Alaska and back during 13 May-10 Jul) and over-wintered again in 2012-2013. This species was accepted by the [HBRC](#) to the Hawaiian Island Checklist in Sep 2014.

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