

## Royal Tern

*Thalasseus maximus*

### hypothetical, unsubstantiated

A report of a Royal Tern from Kealia Pond NWR, Maui 21 Feb 2002, did not have enough details to eliminate [Elegant](#) (*T. elegans*) or [Caspian](#) terns. Royal Terns occur along temperate Atlantic and Pacific American coasts, with vagrants recorded throughout N America and to Europe and Africa (AOU 1998). It could be a potential vagrant to the Hawaiian Islands.

### [Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

### [Literature cited](#)

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