

WHITE-WINGED TERN

Chlidonias leucopterus

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

The White-winged Tern breeds across c. Eurasia from e. Europe to c. Russia and w. China, and it winters largely in Africa, SE Asia, Indonesia, and Australia (Cramp and Simmons 1985, Higgins and Davies 1996, AOU 1998). Vagrants have occurred sparingly throughout N America (AOU 1998, CBRC 2007). In the Pacific Basin, migrant or vagrant White-winged Terns have been recorded in Micronesia E to the Marshall Is (Wiles 2005, VanderWerf et al. 2006a, Pratt et al. 2010), and in the *Southeastern Hawaiian Islands*, where there is a single record of a spring migrant adult present at the Kaunakakai WTP, *Moloka'i* 25 May-8 Jun 2012 ([HRBP](#) 6672-6679, published *NAB* 66:746). Based on this record, White-winged Tern was added to the Hawaiian Islands Checklist by the [HBRC](#) in Apr 2015. A first-fall *Chlidonias* tern at Aimakapa Pond 15 Sep-10 Nov 1995 was felt to be either a [Whiskered](#) or a White-winged tern (*AB* 50:120), but is considered unidentified to species here.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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