

OLIVE-BACKED PIPIT

Anthus hodgsoni

Other: Olive Tree-Pipit (<1997), Indian or Hodgson's tree-pipit.

A.h. yunnanensis

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

The Olive-backed Pipit breeds in Siberia S to the Himalayan region through Japan and the Kurile Is, and winters S to India SE Asia, and the Philippine Is (Dement'ev and Gladkov 1954b, Ali and Ripley 1998, AOU 1998). It is an annual vagrant to Europe (Cramp and Simmons 1988) and vagrants have also been recorded in Nevada, Baja California, and California (CBRC 2007). The only record from the Pacific region involves a flock of 12-15 individuals that arrived on *Kure* 29 Sep 1983 (Pyle 1984). Over half the flock departed on the night of 7-8 Oct and 3-5 individuals remained when the observer departed on 14 Oct; numerous photographs were obtained ([HRBP](#) 0283-0287, 0622, 1423-1427; published *AB* 38:250). No other Asian landbirds arrived to Kure on this date, indicating that the pipits likely crossed the N Pacific from Asia in a single cohesive flock, perhaps providing an example of how some of the ancestral landbird taxa colonized the Hawaiian Islands (see also [Brambling](#)). Comparison of photographs with specimens (PP examination, USNM) suggests that the birds on Kure were of the expected ne. Asian subspecies *A.h. yunnanensis*.

[Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

[Literature cited](#)

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