

BRAMBLING

Fringilla montifringilla

non-breeding visitor, vagrant

monotypic

The Brambling is a very common species that breeds in Iceland and across northern Eurasia and winters S to n. Africa, the Himalayan region, and s. China (Cramp and Perrins 1994a). It is a fairly regular vagrant to North America, primarily to Alaska, but also throughout the continent to the Atlantic coast (AOU 1998, CBRC 2007). There were no records for the Pacific Basin prior to Oct 2014, when an increasing flock of passerines observed on *Kure* in Oct 2014, on the 1st (2 birds), 2nd (6), 14th (10) and 17th (12) when photographed and all 12 birds confirmed as Bramblings ([HRBP 6758-6759](#)). At least 13 birds continued to be observed through Jan 2015, with a possible count of 15 on 1 Nov 14, at least 12 recorded into Feb, and the last report being of six on 2 Mar 2015. The arrival of a flock of finches to the *Northwestern Hawaiian Islands* may have repeated a similar event in historical times leading to the colonization and radiation of Hawaiian finches (Drepaninae; see also [Olive Tree-Pipit](#)). The following year, another Brambling was photographed on *Midway* 30 Oct 2015 ([HRBP 6760-6761](#)). Based on these records the [HBRC](#) accepted Brambling to the Hawaiian Island Checklist in Jul 2015. The species is considered monotypic (Cramp and Perrins 1994a).

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