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Very wet weather that began in late February continued through the beginning of April. There was widespread flooding, which was especially devastating on Kaua'i and O'ahu. With so much rain, it was often hard for observers to get out, and some wetland areas remained inaccessible due to the floods.

Abbreviations: H. (Hawai'i I.); HRBP (Hawaii Rare Bird Documentary Photograph; used with image catalog number from the HRBP file at Bishop Museum, Honolulu); Hakalau (Hakalau N.W.R., Hawai'i I.); Hanalei (Hanalei N.W.R., Kaua'i I.); Honouliuli (Honouliuli Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu I.); K. (Kaua'i I.); Kanaha (Kanaha Pond, Maui I.); Kealia (Kealia Pond N.W.R., Maui I.); Kii (Kii Unit of James Campbell N.W.R., O'ahu I.); Kokee (Koke'e S.P., Kaua'i I.); K.P. (Kilauea Pt. N.W.R., Kaua'i I.); M. (Maui I.); Midway (Midway Atoll N.W.R.); O. (O'ahu I.); Ohiapilo ('Ohi'apilo Pond, Moloka'i I.); Pouhala (Pouhala Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, O'ahu I.); Waiawa (Waiawa Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu I.); Waikamoi (Waikamoi Preserve, Maui I.).

WATERFOWL THROUGH IBIS

A number of migrant geese first reported in Dec stayed until Mar or even Apr. A Brant at Pouhala, present since Dec, remained there through at least 19 Mar (BD, KP, MW). Two Brant at Waiakea Pond, H. were still there 24 Mar, and 2 Brant on Moloka'i I. lingered there through at least 29 Apr (ADY). A single Greater White-fronted Goose remained at Honouliuli Mar+ (m.ob.). Another Greater White-fronted, present for many years, was observed at Waiakea Pond, H. Mar+ (m.ob.). Two Cackling Geese, first observed Dec 2004, remained at Honouliuli Mar+ (PD, KP).

Most bay ducks migrated by mid-Mar, while many dabbling ducks lingered well into Apr. These are normal times for the waterfowl to leave. A Cinnamon Teal was observed at

Honouliuli 5 Mar (KP) and at Kealia 16 Mar (MN). A Garganey first seen at Honouliuli in Feb was last seen there 5 Mar (KP). A male Eurasian Teal was seen at Waiakea Pond, H. 6 Mar (BD), 24 Mar (DL), and 3 Apr (RD); one at Honouliuli since Feb was last reported 19 Mar (KP). These ducks are all uncommon in the Region. The Hooded Merganser, first spotted on O'ahu in Nov, was last seen 19 Mar at Honouliuli (KP). Hooded Mergansers are rare in the Region. Japanese Quail are believed to be widespread on the main islands, but these elusive birds are seldom reported. A few were heard calling 21 & 25 Mar on the slope of Mauna Kea, H. (KI).

Only one Black-footed Albatross was reported, near Lehua I. n. of Ni'ihau I. 21 Apr (TB, DK). Cetacean researchers working off the Kona coast of H. reported 12 total Mottled Petrels 22 & 25 Mar and 10 Apr (RB, DW). Three Hawaiian Petrels (Endangered) were seen flying inland along the coast in s. Kaua'i I. 6 Apr (DK), and one was seen flying inland in the same area 18 Apr (RD). Single Hawaiian Petrels were observed at sea off Kona 10 Apr (RB, DW) and off O'ahu I. 27 Apr (PD, RM, KP, MW). Two Newell's Shearwaters (Threatened) were seen flying inland in s. Kaua'i I. 18 Apr (RD). Two pairs of Newell's returned to artificial nesting burrows at K.P., and one pair had an egg by 21 May (BZ). A Red-billed Tropicbird was spotted along the coast of se. O'ahu I. near a small colony of nesting Red-tailed Tropicbirds. (ph. MW). The Red-billed remained there through at least 27 Apr (m.ob.). Red-billeds are rare in the Region, and the few that do appear are usually seen associating with Red-tailed or White-tailed Tropicbirds.

A Great Blue Heron was observed at Lokowaka Pond, H. 24 Mar (DL). This was probably the same bird seen there Dec and Jan. A Glossy/White-faced Ibis was seen at Kii 21 May (PD), and 2 were observed in Kane'ohe, O. 26 May (CV). *Plegadis* ibis are rare in the Region, but small numbers have been reported quite regularly over the past few years; all identified ibis have been White-

faced. An Osprey was seen flying over Pearl Harbor, O. 8 Apr (PD), and a Peregrine Falcon was spotted in Waimanalo, O. 11 Mar (GA, AJ) flying towards an offshore island full of nesting seabirds. Ospreys and Peregrines are rare but regular in the Region.

SHOREBIRDS THROUGH PARAKEETS

Shorebirds departed on schedule. A flock of 300 Pacific Golden-Plovers at Honouliuli in late Apr (MS) had probably gathered there for migration. On 26 May, only one remained (PD). A small flock of Pacific Golden-Plovers was seen departing from Honolulu, O. 20 Apr and the numbers of plovers in e. Honolulu dwindled rapidly from 26-28 Apr (MO). A Killdeer was seen at Kealia 12 Mar (RP), possibly the same seen there in Jan. The heavy spring rains interfered with Hawaiian Stilt (Endangered) nesting. One nest on Molokai was flooded 19 Mar, while stilts on O'ahu I. were forced to delay nesting due to high water levels (PD, MS). The American Avocet at Kealia, the only one ever reported in the Region, was still present 12 Mar (RP) and 5 Apr (BD). Good numbers of Bristle-thighed Curlews remained through late May, with 17 at Kii 21 May (PD) and 6 on Molokai 27 May (ADY). Many of these birds were probably overwintering. A Curlew Sandpiper, rare in the Region, was seen at Honouliuli 10 Apr (KP). A Ruff, uncommon but regular in the Region, was observed at Kealia 20 Mar (MN). We get few reports of phalaropes at sea, but cetacean researchers off Kona, H. spotted an unidentified phalarope 24 Mar and 4 Red Phalaropes 26 Mar (RB, DW).

Gulls were generally scarce, but one Laughing Gull was seen at Kawai'ele, K. 11 Mar (RP), another at Kealia 12 Mar (RP), and 3 were observed at Kealia 5 Apr (BD). Single Franklin's Gulls were seen at Kealia 20 Apr (MN), in Kona, H. 14 May (ADY), and at Ukumahame, M. 17 May (*vide* F&KS). An Arctic Tern was reported at Kealia 20 Apr (ph. MN). Arctic Terns are rarely reported in the Region, usually as spring migrants.

Mourning Doves are uncommon in the Region, and their status is poorly known. Small numbers have been reported near Honouliuli for the past few years, and some were seen there 19 Mar (KP) and 8 Apr (PD). Singles were seen in nw. Hawai'i I. 20 Mar (H.F.T.) and 11 Apr (RP) and at Alekoko Fishpond, K. 23 Mar (*vide* DL). Seven Burrowing Parrots were seen in Kailua, H. 16 Mar (RP), and 9 Mitred Parakeets were observed in nw. Hawai'i I. 20 Mar (H.F.T.). We seldom get reports of either species and their status remains poorly known.

PASSERINES

Greater Necklaced Laughing-thrushes are believed to be widespread on Kaua'i I., but they are very elusive. A few were found in Kilauea, K. in early Mar (D&AW) and were still present through late Apr (ph. JD). Saffron Finches continue to expand their range on Hawai'i I. Saffrons are being reported regularly in areas of e. Hawai'i I., where they were seldom seen a few years ago. Small, introduced finches, including Africa Silverbills and Nutmeg Mannikins, were reported to be unusually scarce this spring, as they had been over the winter, in parts of nw. Hawai'i I. where they are usually abundant (DL, RD). Heavy rains certainly did not make it easier to locate these tiny birds. A small flock of Common Waxbills was seen 30 May in Pu'uana'hulu, H., a location where the only waxbills usually reported are Black-rumped (TD, MO). Commons are abundant on O'ahu but are reported sparingly on other main islands.

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