



**February 15 - 22, 2020**  
**Hawaii: A Nature and Birding Cruise,**  
*Compiled by Guide Greg Smith*



(I)=Introduced  
(E)= Endemic to Hawaii

**BIRDS 32 species recorded**

**DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: ANATIDAE (1)**

**Lesser Scaup** *Athya affinis* – A small flock of 13 were on the fish pond along our beach walk on Hawai'i

**PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS AND ALLIES: Phasianidae (3)**

**Gray Francolin** *Francolinus pondicerianus* (I)— Small groups were seen along the roadside on Molokai

**Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus* (I) – All over the island of Molokai

**Wild Turkey** *Meleagris gallopavo* (I)— We were able to see just one tom on the slopes of Lanai

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (4)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* (1)— Seen around the giant banyan tree in Lahina

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis* (1)— Not as common as the Zebra, but seen almost daily

**Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata* (1)—The “common” dove of the islands

**Mourning Dove** *Zenaida macroura* (1) – Seen by only two of our group on our beach walk on Hawai'i

#### **RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (1)**

**Hawaiian Coot** *Fulica alai* (E)— The fish pond that we birded on our beach walk along Hawai'i's west coast had a number of these

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*— Seen on Molokai at the roadside marsh and also flying into roost during our prep for the night snorkel

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (1)**

**Pacific Golden-Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*— Common on short grass and along some beaches - all islands

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (3)**

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*— Feeding in the tidepools during our beach walk on the west side of Hawai'i

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*— A few were mixed with other shorebirds on Molokai's roadside wetlands

**Wandering Tattler** *Tringa incana*— Seen almost daily when we were on or close to shore

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* – Seen along the edges of the fish pond on our beachwalk

#### **Gulls & Terns: Laridae (2)**

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* – Seen every day on the last half of the trip

**Black Noddy** *Anous minutus* – We saw a group of five out by the deep water fish farm near the Big Island

#### **TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae (1)**

**White-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon lepturus*— Only one seen was off of Lanai investigating false killer whale whitewater

#### **BOOBIES AND GANNETS: Sulidae (2)**

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*— We did get to see small groups flying by, with most off of Lanai

**Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula* – We did get to see one sub-adult perched on the mast of the control station of the fish farm

#### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (2)**

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*— Seen anytime we went inland and there were grass fields. Also, a nice mixed nesting colony with the herons on Hawai'i

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*— There was a roost in the tree next door to the Hotel Molokai. Single birds in other locations

#### **IBIS & SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)**

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadus chihi* – We had two birds on the fish pond during our beachwalk

### **OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicapidae (1)**

**White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus* - Pretty much all over Molokai where there is forest

### **WHITE-EYES: Zosteropidae (1)**

**Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus* (1)— Seen on both Molokai, Lanai and on Hawai'i, always in small groups

### **STARLINGS AND MYNAS: Sturnidae (1)**

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis* (1)— Everywhere there was a lawn, sometimes the edge of forests and sometimes the edge of the sea in lava columns

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)**

**Northern Mockingbird** *Mimus polyglottos* (1)— Seen on Molokai'i and Lanai'i in urban fringes

### **WAXBILLS: Estrildidae (1)**

**African Silverbill** *Euodice cantans* – Seen only our first day at the Hotel Molokai

**Java Sparrow** *Lonchura oryzivora* (1)— Seen best in old town Kona and on two other occasions

### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* (1)— Far too common on all of the islands we visited

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (1)**

**House Finch** *Haemorhous mexicanus* (1)— We only saw/heard this species three times, with our only look on Lanai

### **CARDINALS, GROSBILLS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (2)**

**Northern Cardinal** *Cardinalis cardinalis* (1)— Seen on Molokai'i on the edge of urban areas

**Red-crested Cardinal** *Paroaria coronata* - Seen on Hawai'i on our last walk of the trip

### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (2)**

**Yellow-billed Cardinal** *Paroaria capitata* (1)— Sporadic, usually seen solo, unlike in Brazil where it flocks

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* (1)— Seen on our beach walk near the Kona Airport

## **Mammals (5 species)**

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**Spinner Dolphin** *Stenella longirostris*— A couple of pods of these small dolphins on our last full morning

**Bottlenose Dolphin** - A group on our first morning out of Molokai were the only ones for the trip

**Rough-toothed Dolphin** *Steno bredanensis*— A small group were near the fish farm offshore from Hawai'i

**Humpback Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae*— Lots of sightings, with the best being the cow and a male escort circling our anchored boat off of Maui

**Short-finned Pilot Whale** *Globicephala macrorhynchus* – A group of three made an early morning appearance off of Hawai'i