

Quail, which are established on nearby Kauai. Present status on Niihau unknown.

PRAIRIE CHICKEN (sp. ?) *Tympanuchus* sp.

Prairie chickens of unknown species (Greater, *T. cupido*; or Lesser, *T. pallidicinctus*) were introduced to Niihau (Hawaiian Is.) in the 1930s and persisted at least until 1947 (Fisher 1951), the last time any ornithologist was allowed on the island. Present status unknown.

HELMETED GUINEAFOWL *Numida meleagris*

Widely kept in domestication and introduced on several of the Hawaiian Is. Feral populations persisted on private ranches for years, but always died out unless the populations were augmented by new releases. We know of no presently established populations.

TAHITI RAIL *Rallus pacificus*

A small, brightly colored rail, probably related to the Banded Rail. Known only from descriptions and a drawing by Forster from Cook's second voyage (ca. 1773). Dark above, white below with white eyebrow, red legs and bill. Undoubtedly extinct.

WATERCOCK *Gallixrex cinerea*

R. P. Owen (pers. comm.) saw what he believed to be an individual of this species once at Palau. The record is not outlandish, as this species migrates from e. Asia to Celebes. Size of Purple Swamphen, but black with prominent red "horn" (male) or brownish with streaked back (female).

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Very similar to Solitary Sandpiper but with dark underwings. An unconfirmed sighting from Palau (Owen 1977). Illustrated in Eurasian field guides and NGS (1983).

UPLAND SANDPIPER *Bartramia longicauda*

Maben and Wiles's 1981 report (*Micronesica* 17:193) of this species on Guam is apparently based on an incorrect identification of Ruff. Their description fits that much more likely species better than it does this c. N. American bird.

SMALL PRATINCOLE *Glareola lactea*

Unpublished reports of sightings of this species on Guam and Saipan (Mariana Is.) must be regarded with suspicion; no details have been

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