

samoensis would be so rarely observed if it were not indeed rare, at least on Upolu and Tutuila.

The drawing of the Ma'ō in Figure 2 was prepared by B. K. Mackay from my rough field sketch and a specimen lent by the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. The species has seldom been illustrated.

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SHORT NOTE

GOLDEN PLOVERS SETTling ON ROOFS

At Pago Pago, American Samoa, on 14 November 1976, three Eastern Golden Plovers (*Pluvialis dominica fulva*) in worn plumage were noticed first on the end of the oil-wharf, then on cargo containers on board a ship, and later on the flat roof of the Rainmaker Hotel. Here two of the three were running this way and that in some sort of a chase.

All reefs near this harbour are covered at high tide; and if the nearby sports fields are thronged with people, there are no quiet grassy places where waders may roost.

When this was mentioned to Dr N. W. Cusa, an English naturalist and painter who has twice visited New Zealand, he was able to provide from his diaries two more instances of Golden Plovers frequenting roofs in the Pacific: (a) Pago Pago 13/12/71. "Two Golden Plovers on the roof of the harbour shed." (b) Honolulu 8/12/71. "Golden Plovers on many public lawns and even two on a low flattish roof on the outskirts of the town."

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