



State of the Society 2009: Report to the Membership

By John Harrison, President

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster community values that result in the protection and restoration of native ecosystems and conservation of natural resources through education, science and advocacy in Hawai'i and the Pacific.

The Hawai'i Audubon Society (HAS) was founded in 1939 as an independent, nonprofit membership association dedicated to the protection of Hawai'i's native wildlife and habitats through education, science and advocacy. Current membership consists of approximately 1721 individuals and institutions and operates in accordance with a constitution and by-laws under the supervision of a Board of Directors elected by the members. In 1978 HAS was named a certified chapter of the National Audubon Society, while continuing to function independently in all fiscal, policy and programmatic matters. An office manager, an aquatics programs director, and several independent contractors provide administrative and professional services for HAS, but many necessary tasks and responsibilities are accomplished through the efforts of dedicated volunteers statewide. HAS publishes the *'Elepaio*, a peer-reviewed journal, and operates two websites: www.hawaii-audubon.com and www.pacfish.org. It is my privilege, as the current President of the Society, to offer the following review of the past year's activities and our principal goals for the coming year.

Officers, Directors, Managers and Volunteers: The 2009 HAS Board of Directors consisted of President **John Harrison**, First Vice President **Wendy Johnson**, Second Vice President **Ron Walker**, Recording Secretary **Liz Kumabe**, and Directors **Carol Bebb**, **Phil Bruner**, **Arlene Buchholz**, and **Tom Jacobs**. I am grateful to all Directors who have given so much of their time voluntarily to further the mission of the Society. I also gratefully acknowledge the constant advice and support of our in-house counsel, Linda Paul, who works tirelessly to keep us in compliance with Federal and State regulatory provisions. Also, I deeply thank **Casey Primacio**, our Office Manager, without whose cheerful efforts and diligent attention to daily queries from members and directors alike HAS would quickly descend into confusion! **Lydi Morgan** and **Ron Walker** have done a terrific job assembling and editing the *'Elepaio* this year, for which we all are immensely grateful. Finally and especially, I extend heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the many members and volunteers for all of their time and dedicated efforts on behalf of furthering the HAS mission during the past year.

Membership: Prevailing economic conditions in 2009 presented major challenges to all of us, and, not surprisingly, membership numbers showed some decline over past years. At the time of this writing, final renewal figures are not yet complete, but the decline seems to be in the range of 15%, which is comparable to membership declines I've informally sampled among other Hawai'i environmental membership organizations. Because a portion of the HAS operating revenue derives from membership dues, any drop in membership creates a financial challenge that must be addressed, and we have taken a number of steps to mitigate the revenue impact, as described in the next section. However, in the longer term, the vitality and effectiveness of HAS in meeting our mission goals depends on a strong and committed membership, and we are making a concerted effort to bolster membership levels once again.

Operations: The Society primarily derives operating and programmatic funding from four key sources including membership dues, generous gifts, product sales, and grants. During 2009, grant-funded operations were mostly concentrated on continuing work from grants received in the previous year, and as a consequence, new grant receipts dropped significantly. However, income from legacy and other gifts during 2009 increased almost six-fold over 2008, and dividend income from investments increased by about 35%. In addition, as a result of changes to rates and categories of membership enacted at the start of last year, dues income during 2009 actually increased by about 17%, even though actual membership numbers declined. There was a roughly 19% drop in product sales, again commensurate with broader economic trends. Overall, gross profit from all operations decreased about 25%, while total expenses declined by 13% from the prior year. Although the annual balance sheet shows a substantial annual accounting deficit, most of that deficit is attributable to contract costs encumbered during 2009 that were covered by grant receipts that accrued during 2008. The actual annual operating balance for 2009 amounted to a net deficit of only \$2,018, less than 1.5% of the total operating budget for the year.

Committees: HAS oversees the operation of committees on Conservation, Education, *'Elepaio*, Field Trips, Fundraising, Grants & Scholarships, Membership, Programs, Publications,

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and Website. In 2009, the Board of Directors established an ad hoc Committee on Marketing, for the purpose of expanding the outreach of the Society to the Honolulu Business community. HAS members are welcome to participate as members or chairs of any of these committees.

Freeman Seabird Preserve: Most members and friends of HAS by now are well aware of the acquisition by HAS of the one-acre coastal property at Black Point, on O'ahu's southeast coastline. This parcel has long been a nesting area for a colony of Wedge-tailed Shearwaters ('ua'u kani, *Puffinus pacificus*), and the preservation and restoration of this unique native ecosystem will help this state- and federally-protected species at a time when habitat and other resources are becoming scarce. The seabirds nest during the months between March and December, leaving January and February available for major habitat restoration work. During the past year, under close supervision by HAS First Vice President **Wendy Johnson**, Board members and volunteers made numerous service visits to the Preserve, clearing overgrown and invasive vegetation, opening up blocked Shearwater burrows, cleaning and removing litter and trash, establishing and servicing predator (rats/mice/mongoose) control bait stations, and creating barriers to prevent Shearwaters from burrowing under neighboring fences. A Shearwater population survey begun in October 2008 with the assistance of **Dr. Holly Friefeld**, **Dr. David Hyrenbach**, and graduate students from Hawai'i Pacific University provided a baseline for continuing studies of the bird population in the Preserve. During a recent update of the population survey, Dr Hyrenbach reported an increase in the number of active nests from 64 to 78. The research team followed progress in 30 of the nests this year and reported hatching success of 70%. Only one of the hatched chicks in the monitored nests died, and the rest gained mass and presumably fledged successfully.

Final preparations were concluded during the latter part of 2009 for the first phase of major landscape improvements,

which began on schedule after New Years Day this year. Improvements completed during 2009 included repair and extension of the rock wall adjacent to the road and installation of a new gate. Generous gifts have helped considerably in the early phases of site work, and a concerted fundraising effort to continue the work was launched at the beginning of December 2009. By year's end, we were well on our way to meeting our goal of raising \$30,000 to fully cover the costs of the first phase of landscaping and habitat restoration efforts, and we look forward to a successful completion of that fundraising effort by the end of March. As well, HAS looks forward to creating graduate student research opportunities at the preserve to monitor and study seabird population dynamics and nesting behavior and success. The preserve offers excellent possibilities for establishing remote, web-based observation platforms for observing nesting and rearing activities, and records collected by these and other methods would form the basis for further educational products and presentations.

Educational Outreach: The '*Elepaio* is the central component of the Society's educational outreach efforts, and HAS published nine issues of the journal '*Elepaio* in 2009. This publication is mailed to all HAS members, subscribers such as libraries, and a number of complimentary recipients such as exchange institutions and other conservation organizations. Distribution of the '*Elepaio* spans the U.S. and includes international recipients. Volume 69 included six peer-reviewed scientific articles, all of which first were published in '*Elepaio*. A special acknowledgement is due to Ron Walker for coordinating with scientists to elevate the profile of '*Elepaio* as an important voice of ornithological literature. Throughout the year, '*Elepaio* also included nine educational articles and news releases, two book reviews, historic literature, poetry, six program reports, event listings, announcements, and other important news of the Society.

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Operating under the auspices of the Society, The Pacific Fisheries Coalition (PFC) program, under the direction of Linda Paul, has produced a variety of reports, publications, brochures, posters, and curriculum materials on marine resources in Hawai'i and the Pacific. These products are distributed to the general public, students, fishermen, resource managers and policy makers throughout the U.S. and internationally.

The HAS website, www.hawaii.audubon.com, is a comprehensive source for up-to-date information relating to HAS and its mission. It provides access to electronic versions of the *'Elepaio*, field trip and program meeting announcements, grant and scholarship application guidelines and deadline reminders, information on projects and activities, HAS membership information, an online store of HAS products, extensive information on birding in Hawai'i, a gallery of beautiful bird photos, and links to a number of related organizations and issues.

Conservation and Advocacy: HAS is an active member of a number of partnerships, coalitions, boards, advisory groups, and committees working to protect, conserve and restore Hawai'i's resources. Some of these groups include the Ho'olaulima ia Kawainui, the Alien Aquatic Organism Task Force, the multi-partner Marine Debris Cleanup Group, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council, the Hawai'i Conservation Alliance steering committee, and the Marine Fish Conservation Network Advisory Board. The HAS Conservation Committee, working to prevent threats to native wildlife and habitats, reviewed and submitted comments on a variety of proposed projects and activities statewide. Board members actively screened documents (news releases, permit notices, draft and final EISs) for issues relevant to HAS conservation concerns, assuring accuracy and comprehensiveness of the presentations. In addition, Directors and members represented HAS at conferences, workshops, hearings, and on several steering committees, teams, and task forces.

In November of 2008, HAS joined with the Sierra Club and the National Audubon Society in legal action to enforce court orders obtained in 1979, 1987, and 1998 requiring the State of Hawai'i to eradicate all feral goats, feral sheep, mouflon sheep, and feral/mouflon hybrid sheep within the endangered Palila bird's habitat on the island of Hawai'i. In May, the judge in the case reaffirmed that the State's obligations under the Court's orders are on-going and remain "in full force and effect", and he further asserted that he would continue to monitor the State's progress in completing and implementing a comprehensive fencing plan to effect exclusion of feral ungulates from the critical habitat. In a subsequent hearing in November, although the Court denied our motion requesting establishment of a five-year deadline for completion of the exclusion fencing, the judge pointed out that the intent to raise awareness about the Palila's current situation was successful, and the legal action has spurred the State to complete the fencing plan and to begin the process of assembling the necessary funds to implement the plan.

During the 2009 State legislative session, HAS Legislative Analyst **George Massengale** tracked over three-

dozen conservation and environmental bills, and actively supported those most closely related to the HAS mission, including the issues of global warming, invasive species, Kawainui marsh, and outdoor lighting. Throughout the year, HAS advocacy activities fell well within the legally prescribed limitations for 501(c)3 organizations.

Educational Programs: Starting in April, the Society hosted five bi-monthly program meetings Co-sponsored by the UHM Biology Program and open to all HAS members and the general public at no cost. The HAS program meetings include informational presentations on a wide variety of topics related to the mission of HAS. Presenters and subjects covered in 2009 included the following: two presentations on Koea by **Dr. Wally Johnson**; a presentation by former HAS Office Manager **Lydi Morgan** on organic gardening for a greener future; Koloa: the Hawaiian Duck, with **Kim Uyehara**; and UH Manoa Doctoral candidate **Kira Krend**'s presentation on her research on avian malaria on O'ahu, entitled: "Passerines and Parasites on the Populated Isle."

Field Excursions and Service Activities: In fulfillment of the Society's mission to foster enhanced community values in support of protection and restoration of native systems and natural resource conservation, field and service activities offered for member and general public participation are one of the centerpieces of HAS operations. During 2008, the Society offered nine field outings, as well as cooperative wildlife surveys and field service opportunities. O'ahu field trips included two tours of Paiko Lagoon, Bird viewing at Hilton Hawaiian Village, a late afternoon and evening full-moon catamaran cruise to waters off the Freeman Seabird Preserve, two wetlands walking tours, a hike to the Wa'ahila State Recreation area, a whale watch cruise, and a tour of **John Harrison**'s renewable energy house.

In December 2008 and January 2009, annual Christmas Bird Counts were held at Honolulu and Waipi'o on O'ahu, Waimea and Kapa'a on Kaua'i, 'Iao Valley and Pu'u o Kāka'e on Maui, Kualapu'u on Moloka'i, and Volcano and North Kona on Hawai'i Island. Annual counts again occurred in December and January 2009-2010 at many of the same locations. HAS volunteers served as organizers and team leaders of the counts, which operated in conjunction with Christmas Bird Counts at thousands of locations in the U.S. and around the world. Results of the Christmas Bird Counts are published in the June/July issue of *'Elepaio* (Vol. 69:5).

HAS also promoted participation in the Great Backyard Bird Count, which is held each February as a joint project of the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Both bird counts serve to monitor changes in the size and health of bird populations. As well, HAS promoted annual Humpback Whale ocean counts in January, February and March on the Big Island, O'ahu and Kauai.

Volunteer Activities: Members contributed to the Society by volunteering their time during service trips, staffing the HAS

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booth at fairs, and helping in the office. Directors, members, and helpful students and friends spent countless hours over the course of the year attending such tasks as clean-up of the Black Point property, stuffing envelopes and assembling the annual membership appeal, and organizing and staging the annual awards dinner. Seabird researchers and graduate students from Hawai'i Pacific University and Pomona College volunteered their time monitoring wedge-tailed Shearwater nesting activities and reproductive success at the Freeman Seabird Preserve during 2009. Reflecting on the accomplishments of the society as summarized in this report, it's important to note that volunteers have been directly involved in the majority of these wide-ranging activities.

Awards: At the 52nd Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair, HAS awarded two prizes for outstanding student research relating to Hawai'i's natural history. **Andrew Webster**, who is a freshman at Mililani High School, received the HAS Senior Division Research award for his project entitled "Pluvialis fulva Population Monitoring on O'ahu". The HAS award for outstanding Junior Division Research relating to Hawai'i's natural history went to a project submitted by **Robert Tanner Heckman**, a eighth sixth at S. John Vianney School in Kailua, O'ahu. Both projects are more fully described in the May issue of 'Elepaio (69:4).

Greg Y. Shimokawa received the George C. Munro Environmental Law Award, which is given to the top environmental law student at the W. H. Richardson School of Law for the preceding school year.

In October, the Society held its sixteenth Annual Awards Dinner at Treetops Restaurant at Paradise Park in Mānoa. Five awards were presented to distinguished members of the conservation community. **Dave Smith**, District Manager of the O'ahu Branch of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife received the President's Award for his many years of successful fundraising and program creation in support of habitat restoration and wildlife protection. The Charles Dunn Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Betsy Gagné**, wildlife biologist with the Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources, in recognition of her extensive accomplishments, both as a field biologist and in official positions as a National Parks Resource Manager and as Interim Commissioner and Executive Secretary for the Natural Areas Reserve Commission. **Dr. H. Douglas Pratt** received the Program Award for his extensive, hands-on work leading to the successful compilation and production of bird songs and calls in the CD, "Voices of Hawaiian Birds", now available through the HAS Product line. The Volunteer Service Award went to **Mr. D.B. Dunlap** for his tireless efforts as a Hawaiian Monk Seal monitor and guardian. Finally, the HAS Environmental Journalism Award was presented to **Eloise Aguiar**, reporter for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, for many environmentally-related articles, particularly those on Kawainui Marsh and the Hamakua Wetlands.

Grants and Scholarships: In 2009, Hawai'i Audubon Society awarded four \$500 research grants to student researchers in

the University of Hawai'i system. The Summer/Fall grant went to **Laura Reynolds** of UH Manoa received our Summer/Fall research grant for her project "Reproductive Barriers between species of *Scaevola* (Goodeniaceae): Are they still intact", **Richard Pender** of the UH Manoa Botany Department received one of the winter/Spring grants for a project entitled: "Can morphology and distribution studies identify potential interactions between *Clermontia* species and their avian pollinators?" Another \$500 grant went to UH Manoa PH.D. candidate **Kira Krend** for her doctoral research on "Genetic Diversity and Gene Flow in the O'ahu Amakihi". The final grant was awarded to **Hannah Mounce** of the Maui forest and Bird recovery project and grad student at UH for her work on "Recovery of the Endangered Maui Parrotbill: Population Dynamics, Genetics, and Strategies for Reintroduction."

Billy Troy Wooton was awarded the Rose Schuster Taylor full tuition scholarship to the University of Hawai'i Manoa for the 2009-2010 school year. Review of scholarship and grant applications for some years has been the purview of **Dr. Phil Bruner**, Chair of the Scholarships and Grants Committee, and I gratefully acknowledge his hard work in administering this valuable program.

Other HAS Activities: Hundreds of HAS members and other interested individuals have signed up for the HAS "Events Email List" through which recipients are sent HAS announcements via email. In addition to receiving timely information on field trips, program meetings, volunteer opportunities, and other announcements, participants can become a part of HAS's "Birder's Network" which connects local and visiting birders, giving them the opportunity to arrange excursions outside of the Society's scheduled field activities.

HAS also has continued promotion of weekly Thursday night programming on 'Olelo Community TV offering various educational and conservation-related presentations for the benefit of Hawai'i's natural environment.

Products: The long-awaited release of the 2 disc CD set of *Voices of Hawai'i's Birds* occurred in July of 2009, culminating many years of hard work by HAS, **Dr. Doug Pratt**, and the Cornell University Ornithology Laboratory. This audio companion to the Society's book, *Hawai'i's Birds*, includes unique recordings of species which, sadly, no longer are found, such as the *Kama'o*, *'O'u*, the *Kauai 'O'o*, and probably the *Po'o-uli*. *Hawai'i's Birds* remains the definitive, full color, soft cover field guide published by HAS. Now in its sixth edition, this field guide serves as an important educational tool for thousands of residents, visitors, educators, and decision makers. Other educational products produced by HAS include the *Hidden Treasures of O'ahu* map featuring locations and detailed information on sites for exploring nature and ancient Hawaiian culture, Hawai'i's rare and endangered birds greeting cards with artwork by Patrick Ching, current checklists of the Birds of Hawai'i, Micronesia, and the Mariana Islands, a field check card of Hawai'i's birds, and *The Edge of Forever* poster, an art-quality, limited edition print featuring two endangered

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nēnē. HAS also offers several T-shirt designs, an embroidered patch featuring the ‘*elepaio*, and polo shirts embroidered with the HAS logo. Sales proceeds go to support HAS efforts to protect and conserve native species and habitats in Hawai‘i and the Pacific.

Looking to the Future: The HAS Officers, Directors, and other leaders gathered in January 2010 for the Annual Chapter Leaders’ Retreat to discuss the state of HAS and how best to guide the organization in the coming year. This year’s retreat featured a special focus on membership building, and we were fortunate to have a visit from **Mike Corcoran**, President of Gull Rock Services, with whom HAS recently has contracted to undertake a comprehensive membership development program. I look forward to reporting results of Mike’s endeavors over the coming year as we make a concerted effort to communicate the achievements and needs of the Society to an ever-widening scope of members both locally and nationally. We also look forward to building capacity by expanding our services through enhanced programs that meet the needs of the State and the community in addressing environmental issues and through efforts to increase the visibility and accessibility of our programs. We also hope to continue expanding educational opportunities, with a particular focus on reaching out to young people.

Among ideas discussed at the retreat were a number of initiatives to extend the HAS presence to members on islands other than O‘ahu, through creation of volunteer coordinator positions on each of the main Hawaiian islands. In the past, HAS offered field trips, hikes, and service excursions to important natural resource areas on the outer islands, and we look forward to reviving those opportunities through contacts with local representatives, for the benefit of both members and the general public on all islands. Also discussed was the idea to begin offering a regular series of HAS program presentations at other venues, such as Windward Community College. In addition to making these opportunities more convenient to members living outside of the Honolulu area, we are seeking ways to avoid increased parking fees faced by visitors to the UH Manoa campus.

In coordination with Mike Corcoran, the Board of Directors will be looking into transitioning to a rolling membership renewal process as a way of more effectively providing value for membership services to all of our community. The new system will hopefully allow us to better track our members, and we hope to use the reorganization process to get a better understanding of the interests and preferences that our members express. Many of you responded to our recent

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Membership in Hawaii Audubon Society 2010

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membership survey with suggestions on a variety of subjects, and we will make every effort to be responsive to your ideas. Please don't hesitate to continue to let us know of particular areas of interest or concern that you may have.

The Hawaiian Islands often are called the endangered species capital of the nation, drawing attention to the State's disproportionate share of both listed species in peril and historical extinctions. As noted earlier, many of the Society's activities serve to either directly support recovery efforts or to offer educational outreach to raise local and national awareness of endangered species issues. Through the programs and activities of HAS, the community has opportunities to become involved in some of the most pressing conservation issues of our time, including but not limited to ongoing efforts to control invasive species, the struggle to ensure the survival of Palila

in the Big Island, and the challenge of bringing additional resources to bear on the recovery of the Hawaiian Monk Seal. Looking back on 70 years of continuous dedication by HAS members to solving environmental conservation challenges we face in Hawai'i, our commitment, expertise, and hard work have built an impressive record of accomplishment. Taking full advantage of the resourcefulness of our membership, as well as the incredible opportunities we have to pursue effective conservation at Black Point and elsewhere, we anticipate another year of exciting challenges and accomplishments as well as continued opportunities to build and expand conservation partnerships. On behalf of my fellow Officers and Directors, I sincerely thank each and every one of our members and supporters, and I look forward to effective and sustaining accomplishments in this, our 71st year of operations.

MAHALO

We would like to thank all of those who have helped us reach our fundraising goal for the Freeman Seabird Preserve Mahalo nui loa to our members and all of those who made contributions to our Phase 1 fundraising Drive. We are almost to our \$15,000 goal to meet our match grant. Remember there is still time to make a donation if you have not yet!

John and Annie Harrison, Ruth Lucas, David Hyrenbach, Michelle Hester, Warren King, Stephen Mosher, Steve Zimmerman, Kurt Schwarz, Joy Tamayose, Kenneth and Patricia Kupchak, Sylvia Mitchell, Edith Worsencroft, Patrick Conant, Joanne Shigekawe, Jennie Phillips, Thomas Okohata, Karen Kimbral, Cheryl Komenaka, Leonard Freed, Dorothy Deimel, Laurie Zane, John Haas, Linda Paul, Anne MaKay, Ron and Charlotte Walker, Victoria Sutton, Joel Fithian, John T O'Brian Jr, Alan and Karen Stockton, Edwin Laak, Maile and John Bay, Mr and Mrs Eric Le Buse, Bill Kruse, Jill Veles, Michael Kliks, Browen Welch, TD King, Annette Kaohelauii, Norma Bustos, Kathleen Berg, Lorrin Wong, Janice Roberts, Audrey Newman, Dean Klienhaus, Brenda Becker, Paul Banko, Glen Anderson, Desiree Cheri, Jeff and Alissa Garcia, Sophie DeLaCour Family Foundation, Diane Amuro, Estelle Enoki, Phyllis Turnbull, Ann Paterson, Stephanie Frazier, Dr Craig Thomas, Susan Scott, Keith Loll, Burdene Hanes, Walter Tokushige, Carol Tomioka, George and Nanna Bradford, Emily Nissley, and Antonio Querubin, King Foods, Birica Ltd. And to many other anonymous donors.

Elepaio Submissions

We are currently accepting submissions for the Elepaio. Please send in your scientific articles, short stories, poems, and photos. Email submissions to hiaudsoc@pixi.com

Freeman Seabird Preserve volunteers are still needed

We will still be going out to the preserve every weekend until the Shearwaters return. Please call the office at 528-1432 or send us an email at hiaudsoc@pixi.com to sign up! Things are looking great out there thanks to all of our volunteers that have been going out but there is always more work to be done!

Upcoming Fieldtrip Saturday April 17th at 9am

"Farewell to Shorebirds" Low tide walk at Paiko Lagoon. To sign up please call Alice Roberts at 864-8122

Grant applications are Due April 1st

Hawaii Audubon Society will be awarding 2 recipients \$500 grants for their research on Native Hawai'i Please see our website for more details as well as forms and requirements. Please get your applications in asap!!

Upcoming Earth Day fairs where Hawaii Audubon Society can be found

Kailua Earth Day: Saturday April 10 from 10am to 2 pm
Honolulu Zoo Earth day Sunday April 18 from 10am to 3 pm.
Please come visit us at these events and create your own bird nest. Once dry please place in your yard for a bird to use!! We look forward to meeting members and recruiting new members so bring some friends too !

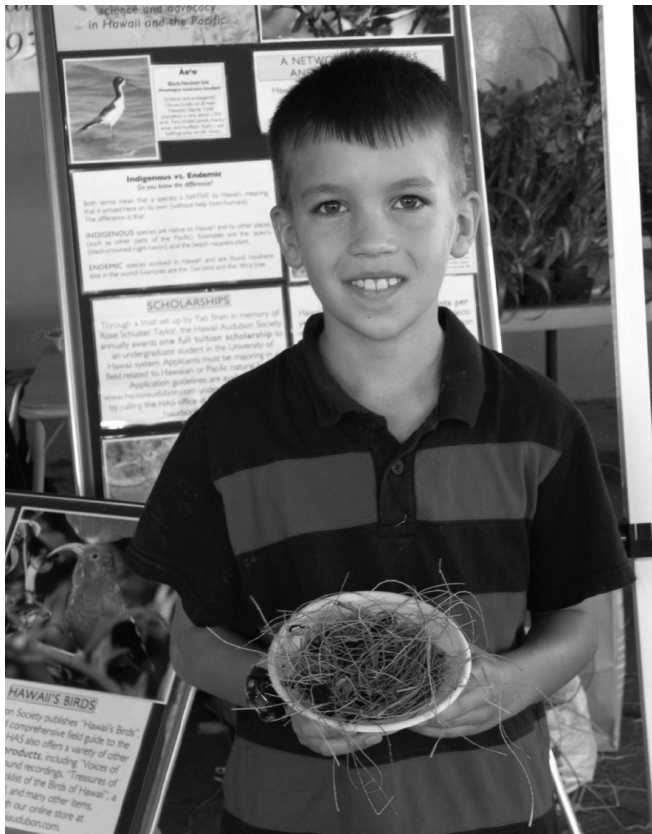


Rare sighting from the Big Island this White faced Ibis was spotted and photographed by Joanne & Paul Hirose



Manu o Ku White Tern chick that fell from a nest and being rehabilitated by one of our members and state bird rehabilitator, Carolyn Blackburn photo by Casey Primacio

World Wetland Day



Hawaii Audubon Society participated in this years World Wetland Day in Kailua on Saturday February 6th. It was held in the Longs parking lot where the Thursday night Farmers market is held. It was a wonderful day with guided bus tours of Kawai Nui Marsh and walking tours of the Hamakua Stream, as well as educational lectures throughout the day by many great speakers. We had a great time and met many wonderful



families and friends. Many stopped by our booth to try out their nest making skills. Here are a few photos of some of our visitors and their nests. All nests were made with bio degradable materials and a little bit of mud to help us keep them together. We all learned how talented birds are in creating such beautiful nests without any hands. We look forward to seeing you at future events to create a nest of your very own!



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Calendar of Events

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Ongoing to the Shearwaters return!

Grant applications Due April 1st

Field trip: Farewell to shore birds April 17

Earthday Fairs:

Kailua April 10th

Honolulu Zoo April 18th

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