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HAWAII AUDUBON SOCIETY: 75 YEARS IN HAWAII

1939 First meeting of the Honolulu Audubon Society.



"Elepaio"

Established motto: "For the Better Protection of Wildlife in Hawaii". First 'Elepaio published. First Christmas Bird Count.

1943 Conservation issue priority: introduced birds and bird diseases.

1945 First Legislative Committee formed.

Priorities: cat, rat, mynah, mongoose problems; forest loss.

1946 Name changed to the "Hawaii Audubon Society" (HAS).

1948 Conservation issue priority: stop the introduction of exotic bird species

1950 Helped establish and organize the Conservation Council for Hawaii.

1952 Priority issue: native coastal and dry land plant conservation.

1954 Published first Field Check Card of Hawaii Birds (Green Card), dedicated to Grenville Hatch.

1955 Priorities: marine life preservation, conservation education program for Hawaii.

1957 Conservation issue priorities: wetland losses, exotic plant and animal importations.

1960 Priorities: conservation easements, Kanaha Pond, airport expansion, Natural Area Reserves.

1961 Priorities: establish Natural Area Reserves at Ka'ala, Eke, Olokui, Wailau, Alaka'i.

1962 Conservation issue priority: feral pig & wild goat control.

1965 Priorities: Nene captive propagation project, non-game wildlife position for State, exotic plants.

1966 Priorities: Preventing bulldozing native forests, multiple land use impacts, restrictions on imported birds.

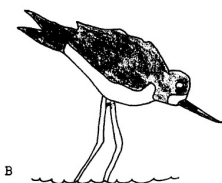
1967 Published first edition of *Hawaii's Birds*.

1969 Priorities: natural resource curriculum for University of Hawaii, environmental education, avian diseases.

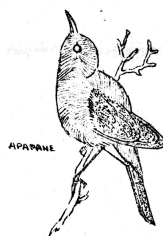
1970 Priorities: Natural Area Reserves System, Animal Species Advisory Commission, Kawainui Marsh bird sanctuary.

1971 Priorities; seabirds, wetlands, feral animals, reforestation, endemic species, opposing the H-3 freeway.

1972 Supported passage of the Hawaii Endangered Species Act, protection of Kanaha Pond. Opposed rezoning of conservation land at Salt Lake on Oahu to urban use.



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1973 Supported establishment of the Cape Kinau & Ahihi Bay areas as part of NARS, Hawaiian Islands Wilderness Proposal.

1974 Opposed Kaneohe-Kailua Flood Control Dam Project

(Keapuka Lake), replacement of native forests in Waiakea, Ola'a Reserves with alien hardwoods for lumber industry; opposed proposed shopping center in Kawainui Marsh.

1975 Changed Society motto to "For the Protection of Hawaii's Native Wildlife."

1976 First bird count report to National Audubon Society (NAS); publication in *American Birds*.

1977 Became chapter of NAS; established Hawaii Rare Bird Documentary Photograph File at Bishop Museum.

1978 Palila, Sierra Club, HAS, NAS, & A. Ziegler filed suit in federal district court to protect palila habitat on Mauna Kea from feral sheep & goats.

1979 Court determines "harm" under ESA includes habitat destruction & orders State to remove feral animals from Palila critical habitat. (*Palila I*)

1980 Concern about barn owls, introduced in 1958 from zoo stock, preying on shearwaters; mongooses climbing trees.

1981 State appeals *Palila I* to 9th Circuit Court. Ninth Circuit affirms district court order. (*Palila II*)

1982 Priorities: Hawaiian Humpback Whale Sanctuary, critical habitats at Pohakaloa area, geothermal project in Kahauale'a Forest, Kilauea Forest Reserve proposed for logging.

1983 BLNR signs agreement with HAS, Bot. Soc. to stop proposed logging road thru native forest above Lapahoehoe.

1984 Palila *et al.* adds mouflon sheep to original complaint.

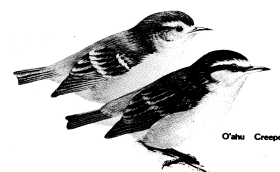
1985 Urges BLNR to expand the size of the Puu Waawaa Natural Area Reserve from 3,000 to 12,000 acres.

1986 Federal district court finds permitting mouflon in Palila critical habitat constitutes a "taking" under the ESA; orders State to remove mouflon from Palila habitat. (*Palila III*)

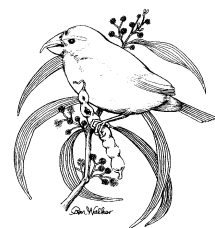
1987 Pratt, H.D., Bruner, P.L., & Berrett D.G. *The Birds of Hawaii and the Tropical Pacific*. Princeton Univ. Press.

1988 State appeals *Palila III* to 9th Circuit. Ninth Cir. finds habitat degradation leading to extinction constitutes "harm".

1989 HAS & NAS open joint office, Honolulu.



Ola'a Creeper



Sanctuary

1990 HAS & NAS file intent to sue U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) over failure to protect Hawaiian crow ('Alala).

1991 HAS & NAS file complaint against the FWS, McCandless Ranch for failure to implement 'Alala recovery plan.

1992 Creation and coordination of "Paradise Pursuits", environmental TV quiz program for high school students.

1993 NAS leaves office shared with HAS.

1994 Independent contractor hired to monitor conservation issues at the State legislature.

1995 First office staff hired; formulation of a "Birders Network".

1996 Teachers workshop held; cassette tapes entitled "*Voices of Hawaii's Birds*" produced.

1997 HAS Mission Statement drafted & adopted; matching State funds for waterbird habitat in Kawainui Marsh supported.

1998 Published birdwatching/hiking map, "*Hidden Treasures of Hawaii*." Court orders aerial hunting of sheep in Palila habitat. Western Pacific Fisheries Coalition project funded.

1999 Pacfish begins NWHI protection initiative; shark fining ban legislative effort in State legislature (Bill signed in 2000).

2000 First receipt of Combined Federal Campaign funds; helped block sanctioned feral cat colonies. NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem

Reserve established by President Clinton.

2001 Pacfish holds first of six Hawaii Aquatics Conferences.

2002 Pacfish publishes *The Importance of Refuges for Reef Fish Replenishment in Hawai'i*. HAS

website created.

2003 Helped establish Kolea Research Fund & "Adopt a Plover" program with Hawaii Nature Center. Founding member of Ho'olaulima network to protect Kawainui Marsh.

2004 HAS on NAS Waimea Audubon Center Stewardship Advisory Committee. Exec. Dir. for Aquatics elected Vice Chair of the NWHICRER Advisory Committee. Pacfish publishes *Marine Aquarium Trade* report, DVD, PSAs on NWHI, posters.

2005 6th edition of *Hawaii's Birds* published; Pres. attended White House Conf. in MO; VP attended NAS retreat in Utah.

2006 Ex. Dir. for Aquatics receives Volunteer of the Year award from National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

2007 Buck Freeman gives HAS one-acre coastal property on Black Point for a preserve to protect Wedge-tail shearwaters.

2008 Produced Kawainui Marsh program for Olelo Community TV; surveys indicate rapid decline of Palila population on Mauna Kea

2009 Produced 2-disc CD set of *Voices of Hawaii's Birds* as a companion to *Hawaii's Birds*.

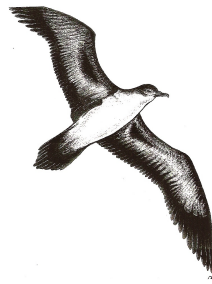
2010 Published *The Global Shark Fin Trade* report for CITES Conference of the Parties held in Doha, Qatar.

2011 Shearwater Soiree held to benefit Freeman Preserve.

2012 State suspends aerial hunting in Palila habitat. Record breeding shearwater count at Freeman Seabird Preserve.

2013 Court orders State to resume aerial hunting in Palila habitat.

2014 Submitted comments on draft master plan for Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh complex; adopted waterbird pond #10.



Classic 'Elepaio: Field Work

By J. d'Arcy Northwood, President

An article from the 'Elepaio, Vol. 1 No. 1, November 1939

Fieldwork with the birds may be approached in two ways, it depends largely on the temperament of the observer which way be taken. They may be headed the statistical und the philosophic, or even the factual and the fanciful.

The former is the most popular approach. It is concerned with bird censuses; counts of birds in a particular area at different times of the year and over a period of years. In this way valuable information is gathered about the increase or decrease of certain birds. Each year "Bird-Lore" publishes a Christmas census from reports sent in from all over United States. Our society is preparing to take one this year.

Then there is the gathering of information about the food habits, distribution, breeding habits etc. of birds for presentation to legislative bodies. People who make the laws and regulations pay far more attention to properly attested records than they do to pleas based largely on sentiment.

Many other lines of work suggest themselves. Ono is bird banding which is giving valuable records of individual bird's habits.

Photography offers far more tests of ingenuity and skill than the mere hunting of birds for sport, with the advantage of sparing a joyous life. We have no right to kill for our own pleasure.

The philosophic approach deals with intangible values, with an appreciation of birds for their beauty und for the delight in watching their free joyous lives.

The birds can teach us how to live more happily and completely. There are few of us these days who do so, some have too much and are afraid of losing it, some have too little und envy those who have more. Greed and envy arc likely to destroy our civilization let us learn wisdom from the birds before it is too late.

114th CBC Hawaii/Pacific Islands Regional Summary

By Thane Pratt

Excellent coverage in the Hawaiian Islands this year, including Kahoolawe Is, was comparable to last year, and moderate weather conditions favored most counts, although the Honolulu count experienced heavy rains. Unfortunately, the Northwest Hawaiian count circles were again missed this year, so Johnston Atoll was the only remote island counted.

Reports of seabirds were disappointing owing to the absence of the Northwest Hawaiian Island counts. On Johnston Island, the decline in White Terns noticed in previous years was manifested this year in no birds being counted at all. Depredation by the recently established population of Short-eared Owls--with a high count of nine birds--has been blamed. A high count of 1967 Great Frigatebirds on Johnston must have been quite a spectacle. Highlight of the seabird counts from the main islands was the 2760 Red-footed Boobies on the Kapaa Count Circle, Kauai.

Nene numbers again rose on the Kapaa circle, with 365 counted, and Hawaiian Duck numbers there were also high, with 531 tallied. There was a flurry of Snow Goose sightings across the state, with one on the Kapaa circle; one on the Waimea, Kauai circle; and two on the Kualapuu, Molokai circle. A single Bufflehead was a Molokai rarity. Lesser Scaup numbers were unusually high on some Hawaiian islands this winter, with 32 reported on the Molokai count and 12 on the North Kona, Hawaii circle. The only gull of note was a Bonaparte's Gull on the Iao, Maui circle. Two Peregrine Falcons also turned up on the Iao circle.

At Kaloko-Honokahau National Historical Park, the most important wetland in Kona, a mysteriously low number of only one Hawaiian Stilt and an alarmingly high count of 71 Cattle Egrets were disturbing and perhaps related developments. An encouragingly high count of 31 Bristle-thighed Curlews was reported from Johnston, and a record count of three birds of this species from the Honolulu circle. Interestingly, there were extraordinary high counts of Ruddy Turnstones on the Honolulu, Waipio, and Iao Valley Circles, with 561, 233, and 375 birds respectively. A few interesting vagrant shorebirds were reported this year: a Spotted Sandpiper and Red Knot from Waipio, Oahu; a Lesser Yellowlegs from Molokai; and a Dunlin in the North Kona circle.

Counts of native forest birds on Kauai were dismal this year, reflecting current decreasing trends; the only rarity detected was a lone Akekee on the Waimea circle. A spectacular find on Molokai was an Iiwi in Kamakou Preserve. Solid numbers of native forest birds on the Volcano count included 20 Akiapolaau, nine Hawaii Creeper, and one Hawaii Akepa.

For introduced birds in Hawaii, the CBC continues to document expanding populations. Moving down the chain, this year's count picked up two African Silverbills on the Kapaa, Kauai circle; high counts of 233 Red-whiskered Bulbuls and 68 Red-billed Leiothrix on the Waipio, Oahu circle, and 13 Gray Francolin on the Honolulu Circle; a high count of four White-rumped Shamias and a first record Saffron Finch on the Lanai circle; a high count of 27 Mitred/Red-masked Parakeets on the North Kona circle; and a first record Japanese Bush-Warbler on the Volcano circle.

Each year the Christmas Birds Count for the Pacific Region (functionally the Mariana Islands) has yielded amazing records from this well-favored migrant trap for Asian birds. Yet, few readers know that the counts are carried out by just a small dedicated band of birders. One of those birders, and none could be more dedicated than he, was Dan Vice who compiled the counts for Guam Is. It is my sad duty to report Dan's passing this year. In the words of Doug Pratt: "This is a huge loss for both the birding and ornithological community in the Pacific. He leaves a big hole that will be hard to fill."

This year, his last CBC, Dan reported a slew of new species for Guam's two count circles: two Gadwalls and a Yellow Wagtail on the Dededo circle; and a Latham's Snipe, a Curlew Sandpiper, and an Oriental Pratincole for Southern Guam. The 16 Long-toed Stints from Southern Guam were a record high. The Saipan count tallied high counts for most of the resident land birds and some migrants, owing to excellent turnout of counters. Four Black-headed Gulls were a highlight. The Tinian count, however, produced something extraordinary: two Gray Frog-Hawks (Chinese Sparrowhawk). There was also a high count of 16 Whiskered Terns, an unexpected species 20 years ago.

Thanks to all participants in this year's bird count. Hopefully, next year we will be able to reinstate the Northwest Hawaiian Island counts.

Shearwater Soiree 2014

By Wendy Johnson, Executive Director of Hawaii Audubon Society

The Hawaii Audubon Society's fourth annual Shearwater Soiree was held in early August at the Ferguson's Pub atrium in downtown Honolulu. The event was a celebration of accomplishments at the Society's Freeman Seabird Preserve and a fundraiser to help support future efforts there. HAS members, volunteers, donors and their friends joined in a festive evening featuring great food and entertainment, along with a silent auction and an update on the Wedge-tailed Shearwater population at Black Point.

Past HAS Board President John Harrison served as emcee for the evening and entertainer Alden Levi provided lovely Hawaiian music. Guests participated in lively bidding on a wide variety of unique silent auction items, ranging from plush albatross toys to luxury hotel rooms in Waikiki. A buffet of delicious pupus, salads and entrée items was much appreciated by the group, and freshly baked cupcakes and cookies were available for dessert.

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Dr. David Hyrenbach, Assistant Professor of Oceanography at Hawaii Pacific University, gave an entertaining presentation on research and results from annual studies on chick growth and reproductive success at the Freeman Seabird Preserve. The nesting population has steadily increased each year at the Preserve since monitoring began there in 2009.

Many thanks to our guests and to all the donors of wonderful food and auction items, for helping to make the 2014 Shearwater Soiree a great success.



**Photos
Courtesy of
Kaily Wakefield**

Recent Bird Observations

June 12, 2014 – October 04, 2014

By Lance Tanino

12 June - Sooty Shearwater (5), Buller's Shearwater (1) during a seawatch at Cape Kumukahi, Kapoho, Big Island. (Lance Tanino, Cindy Granholm, and Dale McBeath).

14 June - Buller's Shearwater (1) and Masked Booby (26) during a seawatch at Makapu'u Overlook, Waimanalo, Oahu (Lance Tanino).

20 June - Bulwer's Petrel (30), Wedge-tailed Shearwater (700) and Masked Booby (1) during a seawatch at Keahole Point (Lance Tanino).

24 June - Hawaiian Petrel (1), Bulwer's Petrel (6), Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (1), and a Masked Booby (1) during a seawatch at Keahole Point (Lance Tanino).

June 24-27 - Kermadec Petrel (1-2) at Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge, Kaua'i (Thomas Tamura and John Riggins)

26 June - Semipalmated Plover (1), Laughing Gull (2 juveniles), Hawaiian Coot (195), Black-necked (Hawaiian) Stilt (370) during a monthly census at Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Kihei, Maui (Lance Tanino and Sonny Gamponia).

30 June - Wedge-tailed Shearwater (500) and Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (1) during a seawatch at Keahole Point, North Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino).

01 July - Wedge-tailed Shearwater (1000), Bulwer's Petrel (8), Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (4), and Sooty Tern (4) during a seawatch at Keahole Point, North Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino, Kendall Watkins, and Jon Watkins).

04 July - Caspian Tern (1), Bulwer's Petrel (1), and Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (3) during a seawatch at Keahole Point, North Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino, Wesley Homoya, and Christa Seidl).

07 July - Bulwer's Petrel (13) and Band-rumped Storm-Petrel (5) during a seawatch at Keahole Point, North Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino).

18/19 July - Least Tern (2) identified by double-noted calls and gray tail and rump; nest-scraping behavior observed by both adults at PHNWR, Honouliuli Unit (Lance Tanino and Jean Campbell)

29 July - Ruff (1) and Pectoral Sandpiper (1) at Koheo Wetland, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i (Arleone Dibben-Young)

29 July - Pectoral Sandpiper (1), Semipalmated Plovers (3), and Laughing Gulls (2) at Kealia Pond NWR (Lance Tanino and Sonny Gamponia)

31 July - Least Tern (2) at Kohanahiki Beach Park, North Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino)

31 July - Kermadec Petrel (2; light and dark morph) at Kilauea Point NWR, Kauai (Eric VanderWerf)

02 August - Pectoral Sandpiper (2) at Kealakehe WWTP, Kailua-Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino)

06 August - Hawaiian Petrel (1), Bulwer's Petrel (2), Newell's Shearwater (1) near HH FAD, 17 miles south of Honolulu (Michael Walther and Lillian Fujii)

06 August - Hawaiian Petrel (2) at Cape Kumukahi, Kapoho, Big Island (Lance Tanino)

08 August - Pectoral Sandpiper (1) at soccer fields in Hilo, Big Island (Alban Guillaumet)

11 August - Endangered 'Akohekohe (Crested Honeycreeper; 14) at Waikamoi Preserve, Maui (Chuck Probst)

15 August - Least Tern (7; four adults and three fledglings) at Kealakehe WWTP, Kailua-Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino)

26 August - Solitary Sandpiper (1 juvenile) at Kealia Pond NWR, Kihei, Maui. This is the first Maui County record and fifth State record (Lance Tanino, Sonny Gamponia and Chuck Probst)

01 September - Band-rumped Storm-Petrel ('Ake'Ake) at Keahole Point Seawatch, Kailua-Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino and Darren Dowell)

06 September - STILT SANDPIPER (1 juvenile) at Kealakehe WWTP, Kailua-Kona, Big Island. This is a probable first Big Island record and second State record (Lance Tanino)

09 September - Common Ringed Plover (1) at Anini BP, Princeville, Kauai. This is a probable 3rd confirmed State record and 2nd Kaua'i record (John Riggins)

24 September - Cook's Petrel (1), Juan Fernandez Petrel (1), north of Hale'iwa, Oahu (Pete Donaldson and Michael Walther)

24 September - Western Sandpiper (1) at Ohiapilo Pond, Moloka'i (Arleone Dibben-Young)

04 October - Juvenile Peregrine Falcon (1) at Kealakehe WWTP, Kailua-Kona, Big Island (Lance Tanino)



Upcoming Field Trips, Volunteer Opportunities & Events

Kawainui Marsh Restoration

Saturday, November 1st from 9 am – noon

Saturday, December 6th from 9am – noon

Volunteer at the monthly Kawainui Volunteer Day led by DLNR/DOFAW. Support some of Hawaii's most endangered waterbirds and contribute to the success of the new restoration ponds behind Castle Medical Center in Kailua (at the end of Ulukahiki St.) *Please note: this workday is not led by Hawai'i Audubon Society, but by DLNR/DOFAW.

Hanna Mounce at UH Manoa

Wednesday November 12th from 3:30 – 4:30pm

Hanna Mounce will present at UH Manoa's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (Sherman 103). This is part of the 'Imi "Ike Seminar Series to foster discussion, community and learning through engaging speakers providing diverse perspectives on NREM topics. * Please note: this is a UH NREM talk and is not organized by Hawai'i Audubon Society.

The Nature Conservancy's Waikamoi Preserve Hike, Maui **Saturday, November 22nd at 8:00am**

2.5mile hike through an intact native forest with native bird viewing. Duration: 3-5 hours. Hike led by Laura Berthold. Space is limited to 10 so please RSVP to hiaudsoc@pixi.com.

HAS Annual Meeting at Chaminade University

Monday, December 8th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Henry Hall Room 109

Join us for our annual meeting. Free and open to the public. RSVP to hiaudsoc@pixi.com. See our announcement on page 4. Guest speaker Sheldon Plentovich, Pacific Islands Coastal Program Coordinator, will discuss the latest research showing the effects of invasive ant species on growth and survival of seabird chicks nesting on some Pacific Islands. She will use case studies from Hawaii's offshore islets, shearwater colonies on Oahu, Kure Atoll, and Johnston Atoll.

To find Henry Hall enter through the main campus gate. Follow the one way to the right onto First Road. As the road curves to the left Henry Hall will be on your left and a parking structure will be on your right. There is visitor parking within the structure.

115th Annual Christmas Bird Count

December 14th, 2014 – January 5th, 2015

Take advantage of this citizen science opportunity and participate in your local bird count! Counts will be held throughout the islands during this period. Please see full dates and details on page 4.

Moorhen Watching

Ongoing

Volunteer birdwatchers are needed to survey wetland habitats for endangered color-banded Hawaiian gallinules (*Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis*, 'Alae 'ula) on O'ahu, as part of a collaborative study on gallinule movement by Tufts University, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Volunteers can help by visiting gallinule habitats (low elevation wetlands on O'ahu) and searching for color-banded gallinules, then reporting these bands either by e-mail (Alauleaconservation@gmail.com) or through our website sites.tufts.edu/hawaiianmoorhen. A guide to sighting moorhen and recording color band information can be found on the website under "sighting guide".

A mobile app for banded gallinule sightings is coming in early 2015. Please use the e-mail above or contact Charles van Rees (Charles.van_rees@tufts.edu) with questions, comments, or concerns. Mahalo!

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Citizen Science Opportunity!

December 14th, 2014 – January 5th, 2015

Across the Hawaiian Islands

Spend the day with other birders and volunteers at your local bird count. The results are used as a guide to create conservation strategies to protect the birds and their habitat, and to understand the long-term health of bird populations. Contact your local bird count coordinator or visit <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count> to find out how you can join in the fun and make a difference!

Honolulu Circle, O'ahu – Dec 5th

This count covers east Oahu from Waimanalo on the east to Aiea on the west and from Kaheohe on the north to Diamond Head on the south.
Contact: Pete Donaldson, pdnldsn.bird@mac.com or (808) 456-5662

Kaho'olawe Count – Dec 17th (space is very limited)

Contact: James Bruch, jbruch@kirc.kahoolawe.gov

Moloka'i Count – Dec 19th

Contact: Arleone Dibben-Young, researchbirds@yahoo.com

Lana'i Count – Dec 22nd

Beginning 8 am at Hotel Lana'i
Contact: Sonny Gamponia, sgamponia@yahoo.com or (808) 244-0727

'Iao Circle, Maui – Dec 29th

Beginning 7:30 am at Kealia Pond NWR Visitor's Center
Contact: Sonny Gamponia, sgamponia@yahoo.com or (808) 244-0727

Haleakala National Park Circle, Maui – Jan 5th

Beginning 7:30 am at Hosmer's Grove parking lot
Contact: Sonny Gamponia, sgamponia@yahoo.com or (808) 244-0727

Waipio Circle, O'ahu – Jan 3rd

This count covers central Oahu from the leeward slopes of the Koolau Mountains on the east to the Waianae Mountains on the west and from halfway between Wahiawa and Haleiwa on the north to Pearl Harbor on the south.
Contact: Lance Tanino, lance.tanino@gmail.com or (808) 495-6545

North Kona Circle, Big Island – Dec 29th

Beginning 8 am at the southern entrance to Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park
Contact: Maile Melrose, melloke@hawaii.rr.com or (808) 323-3378

Volcano Circle, Big Island – Dates TBD

Contact: Nick Shema, nps3900@gmail.com

Hawai'i Audubon Society Annual Meeting

Monday, December 8th
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Chaminade University, Honolulu
Henry Hall Room 109

Featured presentation: *Invasion of the ants: invasive ants reduce growth and survival of seabirds nesting on Pacific Islands*

Speaker: Sheldon Plentovich, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Free and open to the public. RSVP to hiaudsoc@pixi.com.



Join us for a wonderful evening of pupus, friends, and education. Free and open to the public. RSVP to hiaudsoc@pixi.com.

Freeman Seabird Preserve 2015 Fieldwork Season

Seeking Volunteers for Habitat Restoration!

Held 9 am to Noon Every Saturday Morning from January through March 2015

In November and early December, Wedge-tailed Shearwater adult birds and chicks leave the Freeman Seabird Preserve at Black Point to forage at sea for several months before returning in the latter part of March to nest.

Volunteers are needed for fieldwork at the site on Saturday mornings from 9 am to noon beginning January 3rd. Activities will include maintenance of native plants and man-made landscape features, along with removal of invasive plants, trash and debris. Other dates and times can be arranged for groups wishing to contribute their time in an effort to preserve rare Hawaiian coastal vegetation and seabird nesting habitat.



Please contact the Hawaii Audubon Society office by phone at (808) 528-1432 or e-mail at hiaudsoc@pixi.com in advance if you would like to participate. We will meet each Saturday at Triangle Park near Diamond Head at 8:45am to carpool to the site. Plan on bringing drinking water, sun and rain protection, gloves, weeding tools, clippers and loppers.

Hawai'i Audubon Society Membership Renewal/Donation Form

- ☐ \$25 Regular Member
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