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## Results of 2003-2004 Christmas Bird Count – Main Hawaiian Islands

Species	Kaua'i		O'ahu		Moloka'i	Maui	Hawai'i
	Waimea	Kapa'a	Waipi'o	Honolulu	Kualapu'u	Pu'u O Kaka'e	Volcano
Laysan Albatross	12			2			
Wedge-tailed Shearwater		1 US UH					
White-tailed Tropicbird	8	8			2		3
Red-tailed Tropicbird					14		
Masked Booby				2			
Brown Booby		20		15		9	
Red-footed Booby		1015		517			
Great Frigatebird		34	1	17		1	
Cattle Egret	90	89	39	149	39	137 UH	
Black-crowned Night Heron	59	26		35	7	1	
White-faced Ibis		11 US UH					
Nene		120 UH					
Brant	1	2 US UH					
Eurasian Wigeon			2 US	1 US			
American Wigeon			2				
Mallard		3 UH		156			
Koloa	13	350 UH					
Koloa x Mallard hybrid			9	27 UH			
Blue-winged Teal				1 US			
Northern Shoveler		4	4	2			
Northern Pintail	4	56	18				
Green-winged Teal		1	6		2		
Ring-necked Duck		1					
Lesser Scaup		3 UH					
Bufflehead		2	1 US				
Gray Francolin			1 US		25	1	
Black Francolin	5				6		
Erckel's Francolin	27		5				
Red Junglefowl	94	43			39 UH	4	
Kalij Pheasant							2
Ring-necked Pheasant	5	7	1				
Hawaiian Moorhen	4	23		29 UH			
Hawaiian Coot		53	153	24	41		
Black-bellied Plover				1			
Pacific Golden-Plover	24	226 UH	305	788	96	18	37
Hawaiian Stilt	19	145 UH	145	159	97	10 UH	
Wandering Tattler	4	5	8	38 UH	5		

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## December 13 Annual Membership and Program Meeting

### Bird Identification Lecture and Slide Show in Preparation for the Christmas Bird Count

Board member and retired wildlife biologist Ron Walker and amateur wildlife photographer Dr. Tom Dove will join forces to give a presentation on common (and uncommon) birds found in Hawai'i. This is will be a perfect opportunity to brush up on your avian identification skills in time for the 105th Christmas Bird Count. Ron's knowledge is legendary, and Dr. Tom's photography is truly fantastic, so you won't want to miss this unique presentation.

The Christmas Bird Count began over a century ago when 27 conservationists in 25 localities changed the course of ornithological history. On Christmas Day 1900, the small group of conservationists participated in an alternative to the "side hunt," a Christmas day activity in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds and small mammals. Instead, Chapman proposed to identify, count, and record all the birds they saw, founding what is now considered to be the most significant citizen-based conservation effort and a more than century-old institution.

Christmas Bird Count information will be available at the Program Meeting. Program meetings are held from 7:30 to 9:30pm at Henry Hall Room 109 on the Chaminade University campus, 3140 Wai'ala'e Avenue, Kaimuki. Holiday refreshments will be served, and HAS products will be available for purchase.

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## Christmas Bird Count 2004/2005

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Today, over 55,000 volunteers from all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, Bermuda, the West Indies, and Pacific islands count and record every individual bird and bird species seen in a specified area. During the 103rd count, about 73 million birds were counted. Last year again saw a record high - this time, 1,981 individual counts. Each count group completes a census of the birds found during one 24-hour period between December 14 and January 5 in a designated circle 15 miles in diameter-about 177 square miles.

Apart from its attraction as a social and competitive event, CBC reveals valuable scientific data. Now in its 104th year, CBC is larger than ever, expanding its geographical range and accumulating information about the winter distributions of various birds, and it is vital in monitoring the status of resident and migratory birds across the Western Hemisphere. The data, 100% volunteer generated, have become a crucial part of the U. S. Government's natural history monitoring database. Articles published in the 103rd CBC issue of *American Birds* helped ornithologists better understand the magnitude of the effects of West Nile virus on regional bird populations. In addition, count results from 1900 to the present are available through National Audubon's website [www.audubon.org/bird/cbc](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc).

Join our Christmas Bird Counts during the official count period from December 14, 2004 to January 5, 2005. If you want to do something good for birds and meet other "bird people," contact one of the coordinators to sign up. There is a \$5.00 charge per person to support compiling and publication of the nationwide results. Contact the individual count coordinators listed on our website to participate - [www.hawaii.audubon.com](http://www.hawaii.audubon.com).

### *What Kine Manu?* (*manu is Hawaiian for bird*)

Announcing our bird contest, "What Kine Manu" - guess what the bird above is, and win a set of Voices of Hawaii's Birds cassette tapes. Send in your answer by email, mail, or phone. First correct answer received by each method wins a set of tapes. Good luck!



Results of 2003-2004 Christmas Bird Count – Main Hawaiian Islands, continued

Species	Kaua'i		O'ahu		Moloka'i	Maui	Hawai'i
	Waimea	Kapa'a	Waipi'o	Honolulu	Kualapu'u	Pu'u O Kaka'e	Volcano
Ruddy Turnstone	5		25	232	18		
Sanderling	6		1	10	19		
Long-billed Dowitcher		8 UH			3 US UH		
Glaucous-winged gull	4 US UH			US CW			
large gull sp.					2 US UH		
Caspian Tern				2			
Gray-backed Tern	3 US UH						
Sooty Tern					1 US UH		
Hawaiian Noddy	1			CW		255	
White Tern				1			
tern sp.			1 US				
Rock Dove	5		4	304	3	10	
Spotted Dove	50	93	178	636	58	56	7
Zebra Dove	112	246	755	1176	234	37	9
Rose-ringed Parakeet				35			
Red-masked Parakeet				CW			
Red-crowned Parrot			6 US UH				
Eclectus Parrot				1 US			
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo				4 UH			
Salmon-crested Cockatoo				2 UH			
Tanimbar Cockatoo				1 US			
Barn Owl				CW			
Pueo	1			1 US UH			
Kaua'i 'Elepaio	40						
O'ahu 'Elepaio			6	15			
Hawai'i 'Elepaio							15
Eurasian Skylark			1			33	3
Red-vented Bulbul			161	551			
Red-whiskered Bulbul			40	178			
Japanese Bush-warbler	2	6 UH	17	4			
White-rumped Shama	7	15	19	72	6 UH		
Oma'o							23
Puaiohi	1						
Hwamei	7	3				10	1
Red-billed Leiothrix			11	123	1	3	3
Japanese White-eye	89	129	169	298	38	127	12
Northern Mockingbird	6	1	1	1	1	3	
Common Myna	126	283	598	1015	263	106	26
Saffron Finch			28				4
Red-crested Cardinal	29	62 UH	23	180	27	3 UH	
Northern Cardinal	17	10	40	56	8	10	8
Western Meadowlark	2	17					

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	Waimea	Kapa'a	Waipi'o	Honolulu	Kualapu'u	Pu'u O Kaka'e	Volcano
House Finch	27	18	209	117	43	30	4
Yellow-fronted Canary				10			
Maui Parrotbill						3	
Maui 'Amakihi						65	
Hawai'i 'Amakihi							24
O'ahu 'Amakihi			50	96			
Kaua'i 'Amakihi	64						
'Anianiau	45						
'Akikiki	12 UH						
Maui 'Alauahio						9	
'Akeke'e	17						
'I'iwi	12					48	16
'Akohekohe						2	
'Apapane	140		124	21	17	133	124
House Sparrow	43		132	170	22	150	8
Common Waxbill			183	297			
Red Avadavat				10			
Warbling Silverbill	20 UH						
Nutmeg Mannikin	40	107	3	11		82 UH	5
Chestnut Mannikin	21	108	89	6			
Java Sparrow	35	70	208	506		17 UH	
Species	47	42	45	52	29	32	18
Observers	36	18	8	31	17	8	9
Party-hours	12	12	58	12	12	58	12
Count Date	12/18/03	12/14/03	12/14/03	12/21/03	12/19/03	12/14/03	12/21/03

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## February 21 Program Meeting (in a new location) - Whales!

Christine Brammer will present of an overview of the National Marine Sanctuary Program with an emphasis on the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. Included in the presentation will be information on participating in the annual Sanctuary Ocean Count.

Christine is the O'ahu Programs Coordinator for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. She has been working for the Sanctuary for about five years now. Christine is the coordinator for the annual statewide Sanctuary Ocean Count and she also manages the other Sanctuary efforts on O'ahu as well as assists with efforts on the Big Island.

In addition to education and outreach Christine maintains the Sanctuary's website, and does graphic and display design. Her primary interest is in preserving Hawai'i's precious marine environment.

**IMPORTANT: the location for our Program Meetings has changed. They will now be held at the University of Hawai'i's St. John Lab (Botany Building) in the ground**

**floor auditorium at 3190 Maile Way, where it intersects East-West Road. The main entrance to the building is at ground level, street side (Hint: the Diamond head side stairs do not lead to the auditorium). Program meetings will also have a new time, running from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

### Give Hawai'i's Birds a Happy New Year



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# Results of 2003-2004 Christmas Bird Count

## Laysan Island and French Frigate Shoals

Species	Laysan Island	French Frigate Shoals
Laysan Albatross	161,300	3196
Black-footed Albatross	30,543	6,382 UH
Bonin Petrel	315	18
Wedge-tailed Shearwater	3	
Tristram Storm-Petrel	14 UH	13
Red-tailed Tropicbird	3	28
Masked Booby	17	279 UH
Brown Booby	47	33
Red-footed Booby	323	1,036
Great Frigatebird	1,994 UH	686
Laysan Duck	104	
Northern Pintail	6	
Lesser Scaup	4 UH	
Pacific Golden-Plover	1,608	126
Semi-palmated Plover	2 US UH	
Wandering Tattler	89	2
Bristle-thighed Curlew	21	
Ruddy Turnstone	1,405	596
Sanderling	10	8
Western Sandpiper	1 US UH	
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	
snipe sp.	1 US	
Red-necked Phalarope	1 US UH	
Red Phalarope	5 US UH	
Glaucous-winged Gull	1 US UH	
gull sp.	1	
Brown Noddy	129	2,078
Hawaiian Noddy	172	5,272 UH
Blue-gray Noddy		2
Gray-backed Tern	4	
Sooty Tern	1	30
White Tern	16	259 UH
Laysan Finch	100	
Species	31	19
Observers	3	5
Party-hours	58	58
Count Date	12/19/03	12/19/03

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# Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp is only \$5 and makes a beautiful collector's item. Call toll free, 1-888-534-0400 today to order a Federal Junior Duck Stamp. All proceeds from the sale of this stamp go right back into the program.

For information on the Federal Duck Stamp Contest for adults, call (202) 208-4354 or visit the FWS web site at <http://pacificislands.fws.gov>

## About the Contest:

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest (FJDSC), based on the adult Federal Duck Stamp Contest, was established in 1990 to use art to promote greater awareness of our nation's living resources. Students are encouraged to learn about the habitat and behavior of their favorite waterfowl as they sketch their entry for the contest.

Hawai'i joined this program in 1996, allowing keiki (children) from all around the islands to participate in this wonderful educational experience. This annual contest is open to all private, public and home schooled students from kindergarten through high school.

Each fall, all public and private schools in the U.S. receive an informational package on this program. If you are home schooled and would like to participate, please give us a call.

## How to Enter:

The entry must be a horizontal drawing or painting 9 inches high and 12 inches wide, and not exceeding 1/4 inch in thickness.

Entries must not be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering that is attached to the entry. You may choose the medium of your entry and it may be either multicolor or black and white. Entries must be handdrawn - electronically or mechanically generated art will not be accepted. Only one entry per person is allowed.

Entries are divided into four grade groups (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12). Three first, second, and third place winners, and 16 honorable mentions are chosen from each group. The State Best of Show is chosen from the first place winners.

## Contest deadline is March 15.

For complete contest regulations and application, please contact your state coordinator.

## Helpful hints:

- use bright, bold, and warm colors
- make sure the habitat and anatomy are correct
- keep it simple, remember, it is a STAMP design

## Species permitted in the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest:

American Black Duck	Hooded Merganser
American Wigeon	King Eider
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Laysan Duck
Black Scoter	Lesser Scaup
Blue-winged Teal	Mallard
Brant	Mottled Duck
Bufflehead	Northern Pintail
Canada Goose	Northern Shoveler
Canvas Back	Oldsquaw
Cinnamon Teal	Red-breasted Merganser
Common Eider	Redhead
Common Goldeneye	Ring-necked Duck
Common Merganser	Ross Goose
Emperor Goose	Ruddy Duck
Fulvous Whistling Duck	Snow Goose
Gadwall	Spectacled Eider
Greater Scaup	Steller's Edier
Greater White-fronted Goose	Surf Scoter
Green-winged Teal	Trumpeter Swan
Harlequin Duck	Tundra Swan
Hawaiian Duck / Koloa	White-winged Scoter
Hawaiian Goose / Nene	Wood Duck

## Sponsors:

Ducks Unlimited, Western Region donates a beautiful wood duck carving as the Grand Prize.

Mahalo for supporting the Hawaii Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest and contributing to environmental education in the community.

## We need your help:

The success of this program is solely made possible by individuals and organizations in the community donating their time and contributions. Prizes, publicity, and suggestions are greatly appreciated and welcomed. Every bit counts toward putting a smile on a participant's face.

## Please contact the Hawai'i State Coordinator for more information:

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## Calendar of Events

**Monday, December 13 Annual Membership Meeting.**  
 Election results tallied and announced. *See page 62*

**December 14 to January 5 Christmas Bird Count.**  
*See page 62.*

### **MAHALO** to Annual Mailout Volunteers!

Many thanks to Wendy Johnson, Liz Kumabe, Arlene Buchholz, Joyce Gillespie, and Stephen Bibbs, who worked diligently on Saturday, November 20th to mail out the Annual Appeal and Membership Renewals. Thanks to them, the job was done in 4 1/2 hours, something of a record. MAHALO!

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