

Birds of Hawaii and their Legal Status

Listing by Common Name

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According to Title 13, Part 2, Chapters 122 and 124 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, a State-issued permit is required to possess, injure, kill, destroy, sell, or offer for sale, transport, or export any indigenous wildlife or introduced wild bird; including game birds, except those game birds which have been legally taken during an established hunting season.

This list is ordered by common name, therefore some species are listed several times, under each of its common names.

- * -- Endemic to the Hawaiian Islands. i.e. evolved here and are found nowhere else.
- I -- Introduced, non-native birds with established populations in Hawaii.
- M -- These birds have been included in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act by the U.S. government. Despite the fact that most Hawaiian populations of these birds do not actually migrate, a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is still required in order to have them in your possession.
- E -- Endangered. In addition to the permit required by the State, species that are listed as endangered by the federal government require a special permit. These are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- T -- Threatened. In addition to the permit required by the State, species that are listed as threatened by the federal government require a special permit. These are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- O -- Considered to be extinct
- G -- These birds are listed by the State as "game birds." G,n --- Game birds for which there is no established hunting season.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Hawaiian Name	State Status	Federal Status
Sea Birds.				
Albatross, Black-footed	<i>Diomedea nigripes</i>	-	-	M
Albatross, Laysan	<i>Diomedea immutabilis</i>	Moli	-	M
Booby, Blue-Faced	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	'A	-	M
Booby, Brown	<i>Sula leucogaster plotus</i>	'A	-	M
Booby, Masked	<i>Sula dactylatra personata</i>	'A	-	M
Booby, Red-footed	<i>Sula sula rubripes</i>	'A	-	M
Frigatebird, Great	<i>Fregata minor palmerstoni</i>	'Iwa	-	M
Noddy, Black	<i>Anous minutus melanogenys</i>	Noio	-	M
Noddy, Blue-gray	<i>Procelsterna cerulea saxatilis</i>	-	-	M
Noddy, Brown	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Noio-koha	-	M
Noddy, Common	<i>Anous stolidus pileatus</i>	Noio-koha	-	M
Noddy, Hawaiian	<i>Anous minutus melanogenys</i>	Noio	-	M
Noddy, White-capped	<i>Anous minutus melanogenys</i>	Noio	-	M
Petrel, Bonin	<i>Pterodroma hypoleuca hypoleuca</i>	-	-	M
Petrel, Bulwer	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	'Ou	-	M
Petrel, Dark-rumped	* <i>Pterodroma phaeopygia sandwichensis</i>	'Ua'u	E	M,E
Petrel, Hawaiian	* <i>Pterodroma phaeopygia sandwichensis</i>	'Ua'u	E	M,E
Shearwater, Christmas	<i>Puffinus nativitatis</i>	-	-	M
Shearwater, Newell's	* <i>Puffinus auricularis newelli</i>	'A'o	T	M,T
Shearwater, Townsend's	* <i>Puffinus auricularis newelli</i>	'A'o	T	M,T
Shearwater, Wedge-tailed	<i>Puffinus pacificus chlororhynchus</i>	'Ua-u-kani	-	M
Storm-Petrel, Band-Rumped	* <i>Oceanodroma castro cryptoleucura</i>	'Ake'ake	E	M
Storm-Petrel, Harcourt	* <i>Oceanodroma castro cryptoleucura</i>	'Ake'ake	E	M
Storm-Petrel, Hawaiian	* <i>Oceanodroma castro cryptoleucura</i>	'Ake'ake	E	M
Storm-Petrel, Sooty	<i>Oceanodroma tristrami</i>	-	-	M
Tern, Fairy	<i>Gygis alba rothschildi</i>	Manu-o-ku	T	M
(Only the Oahu population is listed by the State as threatened.)				
Tern, Gray-backed	<i>Sterna lunata</i>	Pakalakala	-	M
Tern, Sooty	<i>Sterna fuscata oahuensis</i>	'Ewa'ewa	-	M

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Sea Birds (cont.)				
Tern, White	<i>Gygis alba rothschildi</i>	Manu-o-ku	T	M
(Only the Oahu population is listed by the State as threatened.)				
Tropicbird, Red-tailed	<i>Phaethon rubricauda rothschildi</i>	Koa'e-'ula	-	M
Tropicbird, White-tailed	<i>Phaethon lepturus dorotheae</i>	Koa'e-kea	-	M
Water Birds				
Coot, American	* <i>Fulica americana alai</i>	'Alae-ke'oke'o	E	M,E
Coot, Hawaiian	* <i>Fulica americana alai</i>	'Alae-ke'oke'o	E	M,E
Duck, Hawaiian	* <i>Anas wyvilliana</i>	Koloa-maoli	E	M,E
Duck, Laysan	* <i>Anas laysanensis</i>	-	E	M,E
Gallinule, Hawaiian	* <i>Gallinula choloropus sandvicensis</i>	'Alae'ula	E	M,E
Goose, Hawaiian	* <i>Nesochen sandvicensis</i>	Nene	E	M,E
Koloa	* <i>Anas wyvilliana</i>	Koloa-maoli	E	M,E
Moorhen, Common	* <i>Gallinula choloropus sandvicensis</i>	'Alae'ula	E	M,E
Nene	* <i>Nesochen sandvicensis</i>	Nene	E	M,E
Night-Heron, Black-crowned	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli</i>	'Auku'u	-	M
Pintail, Northern	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Koloa-mapu	-	M
Rail, Hawaiian	* <i>Porzana sandwichensis</i>	Moho	O	-
Rail, Laysan	* <i>Porzana palmeri</i>	-	O	-
Scaup, Lesser	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	-	-	M
Shoveler, Northern	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Koloa-moha	-	M
Wigeon, American	<i>Anas americana</i>	-	-	M
Shore Birds				
Curlew, Bristle-thighed	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	Kioea	-	M
Golden Plover, American	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Kolea	-	M
Golden Plover, Lesser	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Kolea	-	M
Golden Plover, Pacific	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Kolea	-	M
Plover, Black-bellied	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	-	-	M
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Huna-kai	-	M
Stilt, Hawaiian	* <i>Himantopus mexicanus knudseni</i>	Ae'o	E	M,E
Stilt, Black-necked	* <i>Himantopus mexicanus knudseni</i>	Ae'o	E	M,E
Tattler, Wandering	<i>Heteroscelus incunus</i>	'Ulili	-	M
Turnstone, Ruddy	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	'Akekeke	-	M
Birds of Prey				
Hawk, Hawaiian	* <i>Buteo solitarius</i>	'Io	E	M,E
'Io	* <i>Buteo solitarius</i>	'Io	E	M,E
Owl, Common Barn	<i>Tyto alba</i>	-	-	M
Owl, Hawaiian	* <i>Asio flammeus sandwichensis</i>	Pueo	E	M
(Only the Oahu population is listed by the State as endangered.)				
Owl, Short-eared	* <i>Asio flammeus sandwichensis</i>	Pueo	E	M
(Only the Oahu population is listed by the State as endangered.)				
Forest Birds				
'Akepa, Hawaii	* <i>Loxops coccineus coccineus</i>	'Akepeu'ie	E	E
'Akepa, Kauai	* <i>Loxops coccineus caeruleirostris</i>	'Akeke'e	E	E
'Akepa, Maui	* <i>Loxops coccineus ochraceus</i>	'Akepeu'ie	E	E
'Akepa, Oahu	* <i>Loxops coccineus rufus</i>	'Akepeu'ie	O	-
'Akialoa, Hawaii	* <i>Hemignathus obscurus obscurus</i>	'Akialoa	O	-
'Akialoa, Kauai	* <i>Hemignathus procerus</i>	'Akialoa	E	E
'Akialoa, Lanai	* <i>Hemignathus obscurus lanaiensis</i>	'Akialoa	O	-
'Akialoa, Oahu	* <i>Hemignathus obscurus ellisianus</i>	'Akialoa	O	-

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Forest Birds (cont.)				
'Akiapola'au	* <i>Hemignathus munroi</i>	'Akiapola'au	E	E
'Amakihi, Greater	* <i>Hemignathus sagittirostris</i>	-	O	-
'Amakihi, Hawaii	* <i>Hemignathus virens virens</i>	'Amakihi	-	-
'Amakihi, Kauai	* <i>Hemignathus kauaiensis</i>	'Amakihi	-	-
'Amakihi, Lesser	* <i>Hemignathus parvus</i>	'Anianiau	-	-
'Amakihi, Maui	* <i>Hemignathus virens wilsoni</i>	'Amakihi	E	-
(Only the Lanai population is listed by the State as endangered.)				
'Amakihi, Oahu	* <i>Hemignathus chloris</i>	'Amakihi	-	-
'Anianiau	* <i>Hemignathus parvus</i>	'Anianiau	-	-
'Apapane	* <i>Himatione sanguinea sanguinea</i>	'Apapane	-	-
'Elepaio, Hawaii	* <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis</i>			
	<i>sandwichensis</i>	'Elepaio	-	-
'Elepaio, Kauai	* <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis sclateri</i>	'Elepaio	-	-
'Elepaio, Oahu	* <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis gayi</i>	'Elepaio	-	-
'Tiwi	* <i>Vestiaria coccinea</i>	'Tiwi	E	-
(Only those populations on Oahu, Lanai, and Molokai are listed by the State as endangered.)				
'Oma'o	* <i>Myadestes obscurus</i>	'Oma'o	-	M
'O'o, Hawaii	* <i>Moho nobilis</i>	'O'o	O	-
'O'o, Kauai	* <i>Moho braccatus</i>	'O'o'a'a	E	E
'O'o, Molokai	* <i>Moho bishopi</i>	'O'o	O	-
'O'o, Oahu	* <i>Moho apicalis</i>	'O'o	O	-
'O'u	* <i>Psittirostra psittacea</i>	'O'u	E	E
'Ula-'ai hawane	* <i>Ciridops anna</i>	'Ula-'ai-hawane	O	-
Creepers, Hawaii	* <i>Oreomystis mana</i>	-	E	E
Creepers, Kauai	* <i>Oreomystis bairdi</i>	'Akikiki	-	-
Creepers, Lanai	* <i>Paroreomyza montana montana</i>	'Alauwahio	O	-
Creepers, Maui	* <i>Paroreomyza montana newtoni</i>	'Alauwahio	-	-
Creepers, Molokai	* <i>Paroreomyza flammea</i>	Kakawahie	E	E
Creepers, Oahu	* <i>Paroreomyza maculata</i>	'Alauwahio	E	E
Crow, Hawaiian	* <i>Corvus hawaiiensis</i>	'Alala	E	M,E
Finch, Greater Koa	* <i>Rhodacanthis palmeri</i>	Hopue	O	-
Finch, Grosbeak	* <i>Chloridops kona</i>	-	O	-
Finch, Kona	* <i>Chloridops kona</i>	-	O	-
Finch, Laysan	* <i>Telespyza cantans</i>	-	E	E
Finch, Lesser Koa	* <i>Rhodacanthis flaviceps</i>	-	O	-
Finch, Nihoa	* <i>Telespyza ultima</i>	-	E	E
Honeycreeper, Crested	* <i>Palmeria dolei</i>	'Akohekohe	E	E
Honeycreeper, Laysan	* <i>Himatione sanguinea freethii</i>	-	O	-
Kioea	* <i>Chaetoptila angustipluma</i>	-	O	-
Mamo, Black	* <i>Drepanis funerea</i>	Hoa, Oo-nuku-urnu	O	-
Mamo, Hawaii	* <i>Drepanis pacifica</i>	Mamo	O	-
Millerbird, Laysan	* <i>Acrocephalus familiaris familiaris</i>	-	O	-
Millerbird, Nihoa	* <i>Acrocephalus familiaris kingi</i>	-	E	E
Nuku-pu'u, Kauai	* <i>Hemignathus lucidus hanapepe</i>	Nuku-pu'u	E	E
Nuku-pu'u, Maui	* <i>Hemignathus lucidus affinis</i>	Nuku-pu'u	E	F
Nuku-pu'u, Oahu	* <i>Hemignathus lucidus lucidus</i>	Nuku-pu'u	O	-
Parrotbill, Maui	* <i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>	-	E	E
Palila	* <i>Loxioides bailleui</i>	Palila	E	E
Po'ouli	* <i>Melumprosops phaeosoma</i>	-	E	E
Thrush, Hawaii	* <i>Myadestes obscurus</i>	'Oma'o	-	M
(Listed as <i>Phaeornis obscurus</i> in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.)				
Thrush, Kauai	* <i>Myadestes myadestinus</i>	Kama'o	E	E
Thrush, Lanai	* <i>Myadestes lanaiensis lanaiensis</i>	Oloma'o	O	-

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<u>Forest Birds (cont.)</u>				
Thrush, Molokai	* <i>Myadestes lanaiensis rutha</i>	Oloma'o	E	E
Thrush, Oahu	* <i>Myadestes oahuensis</i>	'Amaui	O	-
Thrush, Small Kauai	* <i>Myadestes palmeri</i>	Puaiohi	E	M,E
(Listed as <i>Phaeornis palmert</i> in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.)				
<u>Game Birds</u>				
Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	-	G	-
Dove, Barred	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	-	G	-
Dove, Chinese	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	-	G	-
Dove, Lace-necked	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	-	G	-
Dove, Mourning	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	-	G	M
Dove, Rock	<i>Columba livia</i>	-	G _n	-
Dove, Spotted	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	-	G	-
Francolin, Black	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	-	G	-
Francolin, Chinese	<i>Francolinus pintadeamum</i>	-	G _n	-
Francolin, Erckel's	<i>Francolinus erckelii</i>	-	G	-
Francolin, Gray	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	-	G	-
Guineafowl, Helmeted	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	-	G _n	-
Jungle Fowl, Red	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Moa	G _n	-
Kalij, Nepal	<i>Lophura leucomelana</i>	-	G	-
Partridge, Barbary	<i>Alectoris barbara barbara</i>	-	G _n	-
Partridge, Chukar	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	-	G	-
Peafowl, Indian	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	-	G _n	-
Pheasant, Blue	<i>Phasianus versicolor</i>	-	G	-
Pheasant, Green	<i>Phasianus versicolor</i>	-	G	-
Pheasant, Kalij	<i>Lophura leucomelana</i>	-	G	-
Pheasant, Ring-necked	<i>Phasianus colchichus</i>	Kolu-luala	G	-
Pigeon, Homing	<i>Columba livia</i>	-	G _n	-
Quail, Bobwhite	<i>Colinus virginianus virginianus</i>	-	G _n	-
Quail, California	<i>Lophortyx californicus</i>	Manu-kapalulu	G	-
Quail, Gambel's	<i>Lophortyx gambelii</i>	-	G	-
Quail, Japanese	<i>Coturnix coturnix japonica</i>	-	G	-
Quail, Mountain	<i>Oreortyz picta</i>	-	G _n	-
Sandgrouse, Chestnut-bellied	<i>Pterocles exustus hindustan</i>	-	G	-
Sandgrouse, Indian	<i>Pterocles exustus hindustan</i>	-	G	-
Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Pelehu	G	-
<u>Field and Urban Birds</u>				
Avadavat, Red	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	-	I	-
Bulbul, Red-vented	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	-	I	-
Bulbul, Red-whiskered	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	-	I	-
Bush-Warbler, Japanese	<i>Cettia diphone</i>	-	I	-
Canary, Common	<i>Serinus canaria</i>	-	I	-
Canary, Yellow-fronted	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	-	I	-
Cardinal, Brazilian	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>	-	I	-
Cardinal, Kentucky	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	-	I	M
Cardinal, Northern	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	-	I	M
Cardinal, Red-crested	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>	-	I	-
Cardinal, Yellow-billed	<i>Paroaria capitata</i>	-	I	-
Cardonbleu, Red-cheeked	<i>Uraeginthus bengalus</i>	-	I	-
Egret, Cattle	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	-	I	M
Finch, House	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	-	I	M
Finch, Saffron	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	-	I	-

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Finch, Strawberry	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	-	I	-
Fire-finch	<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>	-	I	-
Grassquit, Yellow-faced	<i>Tiarus olivacea</i>	-	I	-
Hwa-mei	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	-	I	-
Laughing-thrush, Greater Necklaced	<i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>	-	I	-
Laughing-thrush, Gray-sided	<i>Garrulax caerulatus</i>	-	I	-
Laughing-thrush, Melodius	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	-	I	-
Leiiothrix, Red-billed	<i>Leiiothrix lutea</i>	-	I	-
Linnet	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	-	I	M
Mannikin, Black-headed	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	-	I	-
Mannikin, Chestnut	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	-	I	-
Mannikin, Nutmeg	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	-	I	-
Meadowlark, Western	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	-	I	M
Mejiro	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	-	I	-
Mockingbird, Northern	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	-	I	M
Munia, Black-headed	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	-	I	-
Munia, Red	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	-	I	-
Munia, Spotted	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	-	I	-
Mynah, Common	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	-	I	-
Parakeet, Rose-ringed	<i>Psittaculu krumeri</i>	-	I	-
Ricebird	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	-	I	-
Robin, Hill	<i>Leiiothrix lutea</i>	-	I	-
Shama, White-rumped	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	-	I	-
Silverbill, Warbling	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	-	I	-
Skylark, Eurasian	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	-	I	M
Sparrow, English	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	-	I	-
Sparrow, House	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	-	I	-
Sparrow, Java	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	-	I	-
Swiftlet, Edible-nest	<i>Collocalia bartschi</i>	-	I	-
Swiftlet, Gray	<i>Collocalia bartschi</i>	-	I	-
Swiftlet, Guam	<i>Collocalia bartschi</i>	-	I	-
Thrush, Chinese	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	-	I	-
Uguisu	<i>Cettia diphone</i>	-	I	-
Waxbill, Black-rumped	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>	-	I	-
Waxbill, Common	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>	-	I	-
Waxbill, Lavender	<i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>	-	I	-
Waxbill, Orange-cheeked	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>	-	I	-
Waxbill, Red-eared	<i>Estrilda troglodytes</i>	-	I	-
White-eye, Japanese	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	-	I	-