

Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute presents

"Big Day" Birding in the Park

Saturday, October 10th, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Program

Noted birder Nick Shema of the U.S. Geological Survey coordinates a very special day of birding in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Small groups of participants look and listen along Park trails to see, hear, and identify as many bird species as possible.

Participants meet at Kipuka Puauulu (Bird Park) for a brief introduction to the types of birds found in our national park as well as hints and tips for having a successful day of birding. From there, participants break into groups and begin their birding survey using a checklist of birds found in the Park. Nick is available throughout the day to offer tips, thoughts, and guidance, as well as suggestions and encouragement, to all participants. The group reassembles at 3 p.m. for a summary of the day, Nick's homemade chili, and a selection of door prizes.

Presenter

Nick Shema has worked as an ornithological technician for the Biological Resources Discipline of the U.S. Geological Survey on numerous avian research projects that have taken him throughout the Hawaiian Islands and the islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Details

The experience is rated easy to moderate, depending on the individual desires of each group of birders. A mid-morning snack is provided. Rain is possible, but most often there are hot, dry, windy conditions.

Please bring:

- ☞ secure hat
- ☞ sunscreen
- ☞ sturdy walking shoes
- ☞ plenty of drinking water
- ☞ binoculars
- ☞ writing utensil
- ☞ packed lunch
- ☞ sense of adventure

****If Vog conditions are extreme on the day of the event, certain areas of the Park may be closed the day of the event. Birding will take place in areas of the Park that are open.****

Cost

This event is presented by the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute, a program of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a non-profit organization. Program cost is \$15 for Friends' members and \$20 for non-members. There is a special group rate of \$50 for parties of 4 people that sign up together and arrive in 1 vehicle. (\$5, \$10, and \$15, respectively, are tax deductible.)

Registration

To register, call the Friends' office at 985-7373 or email admin@fhvnp.org. The office is only staffed part-time, so be sure to leave a message, and your call should be returned within a day or two.

Your registration is confirmed when you pay by credit card over the phone or online, or when we receive a check payable to: Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (FHVNP), P.O. Box 653, Volcano, HI 96785.

Cancellation Policy

The Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will gladly refund your full amount up to 7 days prior to the day of the event. Between 2 to 5 days, 50% of the cost of the event will be refunded. If cancellation is within 48 hours of the start of the event, 0% will be refunded. All proceeds help support Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and are tax deductible.

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