

Hawai`i Volcanoes Institute 2009



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**An Introduction to Birds
of Hawai`i
with Nick Shema
January 17, Saturday, 9 AM – 3 PM**

Spend the day learning about the past, present, and future of Hawai`i's birds. We begin by looking at what is known of the birds that were in these islands prior to Polynesian contact and discuss the factors that led to their demise. We will focus on our Hawaiian species, as well as birds introduced after Western contact, and examine the forces that shaped the bird population that we see today. We will use what we have learned to speculate about the prospects for our bird population and the challenges they will face in the future. Occasionally throughout the day, we will leave our USGS classroom setting and go into the nearby forest to see what birds we can find around us.

Your Leader:

Nick Shema has been an avid birder for over 25 years. He started his birding career while he was a Park Ranger at Olympic National Park in Washington and has been at it since. He 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.

Seminar agenda:

Program participants sign in at the Kīlauea Visitor Center at 8:30 AM. At 8:45 we will caravan to the USGS classroom site within the Park. The USGS facility has interesting resource materials that will illustrate and enrich our exploration of Hawai`i's birdlife. As noted, we will take breaks to do some birding in the area. We will find a comfortable place to eat our lunches and then continue learning about birds until about 3 in the afternoon.

Who should attend?: This is a seminar for people who are interested in the history of Hawaiian birds and have an interest in identifying the birds we see around us, learning how they came to be here, and knowing whether they are rare or thriving.



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Level of physical difficulty:

Physically this is an **easy** seminar, a classroom setting with **short walks** in the immediate vicinity.

What to bring:

Bring your *Park pass* or come prepared to pay the Park entry fee. You will want to bring a lunch and binoculars, if you have them.

Transportation:

Participants come to the Park's Kilauea Visitor Center. Some may choose to carpool to the site of the seminar within the Park, a short distance from the Center.

Tuition: Friends' members - \$40 Non-members - \$50

Timeline for payment / cancellation:

Cutoff for registration, receipt of payments, or requests for refunds is January 10, one week before the seminar.

The seminar will be held rain or shine. In the unlikely event that Nick must cancel, participants will be notified and payment refunded.

To register:

Call the Friends' office at (808)985-7373. The office is staffed part-time, so leave a message and your call will be returned. Or e-mail your enrollment information to ainahou2@aol.com

