

## About Us

Maui Nui Seabirds is a project of the University of Hawai'i in close association with the Department of Land & Natural Resources. We work with government agencies, private businesses and community groups to promote seabird conservation.

## Take Action



-  Learn what a seabird looks like
-  Call 573-BIRD if you find a grounded seabird
-  Keep your dogs leashed & cats indoors
-  Support seabird friendly lighting for public roads & local businesses
-  Shield outdoor lights, face them down, use a timer or turn them off
-  Avoid collapsing burrows by only walking on designated pathways

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Working to locate, protect, and enhance seabirds and their habitats.

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# Seabirds

**'Ua'u (Hawaiian Petrel)**  
*Pterodroma sandwichensis*



Endemic to Hawai'i. Once the most numerous bird on the islands, this endangered species is now restricted to nesting sites at high elevations. Haleakala National Park supports the largest nesting colonies. In 2006, MNSRP and DLNR staff discovered another 'ua'u colony at Lāna'ihale.

**'Akē'akē (Band-rumped Storm-Petrel)**  
*Oceanodroma castro*



This rare and diminutive seabird is known to have bred on Maui. This species is currently a candidate for listing as endangered.

*Photo Credit: Andre Raine*

'A'o is endemic to Hawai'i. This threatened species nests in burrows in higher elevation forests. Most numerous on Kaua'i, no nests have been found in Maui County in recent history.

**'A'o (Newell's Shearwater)**  
*Puffinus newelli*



'Ua'u kani have nesting colonies on all the islands of Maui County. The largest colony with about 3,500 burrows is on Molokini.



**'Ua'u kani (Wedge-tailed Shearwater)**  
*Ardenna pacifica*



## Threats

Seabirds use the moon and stars to navigate. Hawaii's seabirds often become disoriented by artificial lights; circle them until exhaustion or crashing into structures. Once brought to ground the birds are in great danger from pets, feral animals, and vehicle strike. Another threat is habitat loss from development, human activity, and introduced ungulates.



## Our Work

Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project has conducted research, discovery, preservation restoration, and outreach work since 2006.

- ✎ Seabird Banding & Nest Site Monitoring
- ✎ Seabird Acoustic Surveys
- ✎ Seabird Tracking
- ✎ Seabird Outreach & Education
- ✎ Seabird Rescue

MNSRP strives to provide a better understanding of seabird populations, behaviors and habitat requirements. Our work focuses on locating new seabird colonies, protecting existing ones, restoring habitat and rescuing injured seabirds. We are involved closely with the community during outreach and educational programs as well as provide training and assessment for seabird friendly lighting and proper handling of injured wildlife.