



Guide to Birding the Hawaiian Islands

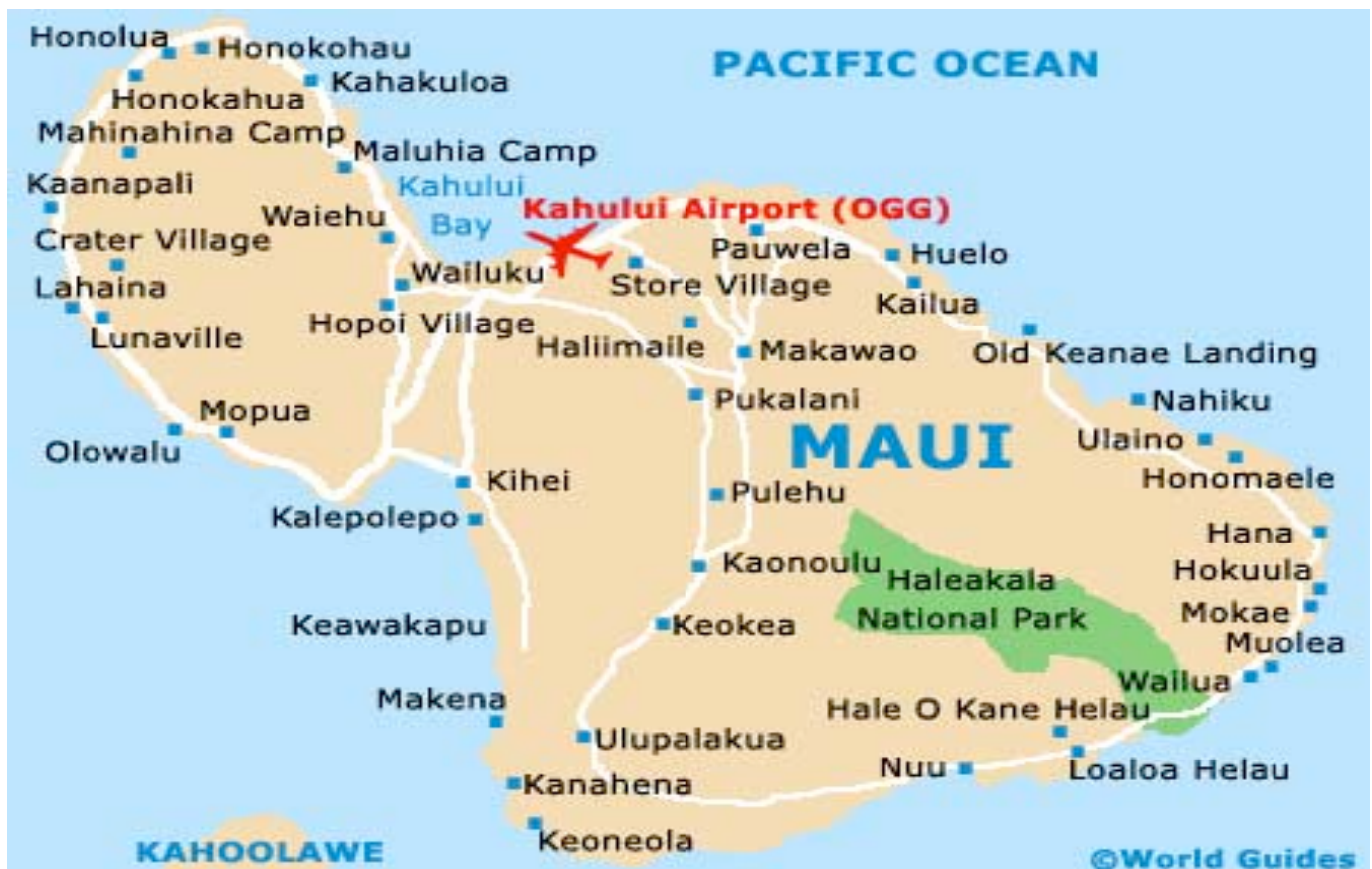
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The best forest bird locality on Maui is Hosmer Grove, in Haleakala National Park. In addition, the National Park Service offers guided hikes approximately two times a week into the neighboring Waikamoi Preserve of the Nature Conservancy. `I'iwi, `Apapane, `Amakihi and Maui Creeper are virtually certain, while `Akohekohe (Crested Honeycreeper) is less common, and Maui Parrotbills are seen on these hikes two or three times per year. The Conservancy also offers guided hikes into Waikamoi at certain times, and the Sierra Club has work trips in the area.

For water birds, Kanaha Pond and Kealia National Wildlife Refuge should both be checked. They are in the central isthmus portion of the island.

The endangered Hawaiian Dark-rumped Petrel nests near the summit of Haleakala, and can be heard and sometimes seen returning to its burrows at night in the spring and summer. Look for Pueo as well in the open uplands on the volcano's slopes.

We should also note that the south and west coasts of Maui are perhaps the best whale-watching spots in the Islands during the months of November through April!



Directions to Sites

Marine Birds

- ***Pauwalu Point*** From the Kahului Airport, take the Hana Highway (36/360) 34 miles East along winding road to Ke`anae. Proceed about 1.5 miles to gated road, left, leading down to coast. Access is restricted (State leased land); call the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife in Wailuku at (808) 984-8100 for information on access.
- ***Hana Coast*** From Kahului Airport, take the Hana Highway (36/360) 51 miles East along winding road to Hana Town. There are several overlooks of the ocean along the way (Kaumahina State Wayside, Ke`anae Peninsula, Pauwalu Point, Wainapanapa State Park, Hana Bay).
- ***West Haleakala Crater*** From Kahului Airport, take the Haleakala Highway (37) past Pukalani to the intersection of the Kula highway (37) and the Haleakala Highway (377); turn left and proceed South past the Kula Lodge to the intersection with Crater Road (378); then mauka along winding road to Haleakala National Park. Check in at the Visitors Center for more information.
- ***Molokini Island*** (Molokini Shoal Marine Life Conservation District) Involves a 15 mile boat ride to the shoal/island from Ma`alaea Boat Harbor or Lahaina Town. Requires a charter cruise or rental. Contact the several companies listed in the phone book for reservations and directions to point of departure.

Wetland Birds

- ***Kanaha Pond*** From the Kahului Airport, take Keolani Place Road (380) West to intersection with the Haleakala Highway (37); bear right on Hana Highway (36). The Kanaha Pond State Wildlife Sanctuary and parking lot is on the immediate right just past the intersection.
- ***Kealia Pond*** From Kahului Airport, take Keolani Place Road (380) West and South to junction with the Mokulele Highway (350/311) and proceed South about 5 1/5 miles to entrance to the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge on the right (about 1 mile before junction with the Kihei Road). Some access may be restricted depending on the bird breeding season. Inquire at the headquarters building.
- ***Ke`anae Wetlands*** From the Kahului airport, take the Hana Highway (36/360) 34 miles along a winding road to the Ke`anae Peninsula turnoff, left. Proceed makai through taro (kalo) farms and wetlands.

Forest Birds

- ***Haleakala National Park*** (Paliku/Hosmer Grove) From Kahului Airport, take the Haleakala Highway (37) past Pukalani to the intersection of the Kula highway (37) and the Haleakala Highway (377); turn left and proceed South past the Kula Lodge to the intersection with Crater Road (378); then mauka along winding road to Haleakala National Park. Hosmer Grove is on the Crater Road (378) about half way to the summit as you cross the Park boundary and just before Park Headquarters on the right. Paliku is a remote area about 8 miles across the Crater floor by foot or mule. Contact Park Headquarters for details on arrangements (Haleakala National Park, P.O. Box 369, Makawao, HI 96768, Phone: (808) 572-4400. www.nps.gov/hale).

- ***Polipoli State Park*** From the Kahului Airport, take Haleakala Highway (37) past Pukalani on the Kula Highway (37) to Rice Park and junction with Kekaulike Highway (377). Take Kekaulike Highway a short distance North to Waipoli Road, turn right and up a winding road to the Kaonoulu Ranch area. A 4 wheel drive (recommended) road proceeds South on the contour to Polipoli Springs State Park (total of 28 miles). Call the State Parks Division at (808) 587-0300 for more information.
- ***Hana Forest Reserve*** From Kahului Airport, take the Hana Highway (36/360) 51 miles to Hana Town. Access to the Forest Reserve is up several 4-wheel drive ridge roads through private lands (prior permission required). An alternative to access a forested area is the Kaeleku Ulaino Road mauka off Hana Highway (360). The Kaeleku junction road begins just past the Rodeo Arena, 0.5 miles before the Hana Airport Road. The road angles left through 2 miles of pasture, then enters the forest.
- ***Ko`olau Forest Reserve*** From Kahului, take the Hana Highway (36/360) 22 miles to the Forest Reserve which extends for another 19 miles above and below the road. Entry can be gained between the Ke`anae Arboretum and the Puohokamoa Stream; between Pa`akea Stream and Waikani Falls; along Pa Gulch; between Waikamoi and Kolea Streams, and along Pi`ina`au Valley Road. Access by vehicle requires permission from the East Maui Irrigation Company (phone: (808) 579-9516).
- ***Iao Needle*** From Kahului Town, take highway 32 West through Wailuku Town connecting to Highway 320 past the Hawaii Nature Center to the end of the road at I`ao Valley State Park.
- ***Ke`anae Arboretum*** From the Kahului Airport, take the Hana Highway (36/360) 34 miles East along a winding road to Ke`anae. The turnoff, right and mauka, is just past the road to the Ke`anae Peninsula, just before the lookout.
- ***Waikamoi Preserve (A) Waikamoi Preserve, the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii (TNCH)*** From the Kahului Airport, take the Haleakala Highway (37) past Pukalani to the intersection of Kula Highway (37) and the Haleakala Highway (377). Turn left and proceed South past the Kula Lodge to the intersection with the Crater Road (378); then mauka along a winding road. Go to Hosmer Grove which is about half way to the Summit as you cross the Haleakala National Park boundary and just before park headquarters on the right. Access to the Preserve is by trail from Hosmer Grove. Contact TNCH at (808) 572-7849 for public hike reservations. Or contact Haleakala National Park at (808) 572-4400 for information on scheduled hikes. ***(B) Waikamoi Ridge Trail*** From Kahului, proceed East on the Hana Highway (36/360) about 21 miles to Kailua Village. Proceed another 3.5 miles towards Ke`anae to the picnic and parking area above the road. This is a short nature trail that goes up a slope to a picnic site.

Open Country Birds

- ***Polipoli State Park*** From the Kahului Airport, take Haleakala Highway (37) past Pukalani on the Kula Highway (37) to Rice Park and junction with Kekaulike Highway (377). Take Kekaulike Highway a short distance North to Waipoli Road, turn right and up a winding road to the Kaonoulu Ranch area. A 4 wheel drive (recommended) road proceeds South on the contour to Polipoli Springs State Park (total of 28 miles).
- ***Haleakala Road*** From Kahului Airport, take the Haleakala Highway (37) past Pukalani to the intersection of the Kula highway (37) and the Haleakala Highway (377); turn left and proceed South past the Kula Lodge to the intersection with Crater Road (378); then mauka along winding road to Haleakala National Park. Check in at the Visitors Center for more information.

- ***Kihei-Makena*** From Kahului take Mokulele Highway (350/311) South to junction with Pi`ilani Highway 31. Continue West to Kihei Road and turn left, proceeding about 10 miles through Wailea to Makena.
- ***Ulupalakua-Kaupo Road*** From Kahului, take Haleakala /Kula Highways (37) past Pukalani, Kula and Keokeo about 23 miles to Ulupalakua Ranch. Proceed another 20 miles on progressively smaller and poorer roads to Kaupo Village.

Urban Birds

- ***Lahaina*** From the Kahului airport, take the Kuihelani Highway (380) South to the Kahekili Highway (30) turn left and proceed past Ma`alaea West and North to Lahaina Town (total of 23 miles).
- ***Wailuku/Kahului*** From Kahului Airport, take Keolani Place Road (380) to junction with the Hana Highway (36/360) and bear right through Kahului Town connecting to the Ka`ahumanu Avenue (32) and proceed West to the Wailuku Civic Center.
- ***Kihei*** From the Kahului Airport, take Keolani Place Road (380) West to Junction with the Mokulele Highway (350/311) and proceed South to junction with Kihei Road and Pi`ilani Highway (31). Continue through the junction and turn left on Kihei Road and proceed about 8 miles through urban Kihei Town to Wailea and Makena.