

# MAKAHIKI O NĀ MANU NAHELE YEAR OF THE FOREST BIRDS

In 2024 we are celebrating our native forest birds. The Division of Forestry & Wildlife invites students in the ‘Ōlelo Youth XChange Competition to submit videos that explore any or multiple of the following themes:

- The ecological role of native forest birds in Hawai‘i
- The cultural role of native forest birds in Hawai‘i
- Your personal pilina (connection) to native forest birds
- Causes of decline in native forest bird populations in Hawai‘i
- Ways that we as a community can protect and aloha these birds.

We are focusing on forest birds rather than seabirds or wetland birds (on which we may focus in future years). Students are encouraged to explore our website for information about native forest birds. We recognize that it is difficult to get new footage of these birds, and students are invited to use photos and videos found on our website as b-roll in this competition, with appropriate credit. You can find bird profiles, photos, and video at [dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/education](https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/education)

All entries must be submitted to ‘Ōlelo and follow their guidelines and due dates at [olelo.org](https://olelo.org)



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