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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Review Status of 103 Hawaiian Species

Latest scientific and commercial information sought for update

The Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today it is initiating 5-year reviews of 103 species from Hawai'i protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

To assist in its reviews, the Service is opening a 60-day public comment period for the submission of scientific and commercial information relevant to their listing status under the Act. The public, government agencies, tribes, industry and the scientific and conservation communities are asked to submit information by May 15, 2009.

The species to be reviewed include 1 bat, 5 birds, 41 tree snails, and 56 plants. A list of the species, along with their current classification status, is provided below.

Periodic status reviews of all listed species are required by the ESA at least once every 5 years to determine whether a species' classification as threatened or endangered is still appropriate. If the best scientific and commercial data produced since the time of listing are not consistent with the current classification of any species, the Service will recommend a change in the species' federal classification. A species could be recommended for reclassification from endangered to threatened (downlisting), from threatened to endangered (uplisting), or for removal from the federal list of threatened and endangered species (delisting).

Any recommended change in classification would be subject to a separate rule-making process that includes opportunities for public review and comment. If no change in classification is recommended, the species would remain under its current listing status.

Information that is considered in a status review includes:

- Species biology, including but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics and genetics;
- Habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution and suitability;
- Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;
- Threat status and trends; and
- Other new information, data or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the list, and improved analytical methods.

As published in today's *Federal Register*, the Service is initiating reviews for the 103 species shown in the table below. More information on each of the species can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Distribution
ANIMALS (47)			
Bat, Hawaiian hoary	<i>Lasiurus cinereus semotus</i>	E	Hawai'i, Maui O'ahu, Kaua'i
Finch, Nihoa	<i>Telespyza ultima</i>	E	Nihoa Island
Goose, Hawaiian (= Nēnē)	<i>Branta (=Nesochen) sandvicensis</i>	E	Hawai'i, Maui, Kaua'i
Honeycreeper, crested	<i>Palmeria dolei</i>	E	Maui
Parrotbill, Maui	<i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>	E	Maui
Petrel, Hawaiian dark-rumped	<i>Pterodroma phaeopygia sandwichensis</i>	E	Hawai'i, Maui, Lana'i, Kaua'i
Snails, O'ahu tree (41 species)	<i>Achatinella</i> spp.	E	O'ahu
PLANTS (56)			
'Ahinahina	<i>Argyroxiphium sandwicense</i> ssp. <i>Macrocephalum</i>	T	Maui
'Akoko	<i>Chamaesyce kuwaleana</i>	E	O'ahu
'Akoko	<i>Chamaesyce rockii</i>	E	O'ahu
'Awikiwiki	<i>Canavalia molokaiensis</i>	E	Moloka'i
'Oha wai	<i>Clermontia oblongifolia</i> ssp. <i>Brevipes</i>	E	Moloka'i
'Oha wai	<i>Clermontia oblongifolia</i> ssp. <i>Mauiensis</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
'Oha wai	<i>Clermontia samuelii</i>	E	Maui
'Ohe'ohe	<i>Tetraplasandra gymnocarpa</i>	E	O'ahu
Alani	<i>Melicope balloui</i>	E	Maui
Alani	<i>Melicope ovalis</i>	E	Maui
Alani	<i>Melicope reflexa</i>	E	Moloka'i
Alani	<i>Melicope saint-johnii</i>	E	O'ahu
Aupaka	<i>Isodendrion longifolium</i>	T	O'ahu, Kaua'i
Geranium, Hawaiian red-flowered	<i>Geranium arboretum</i>	E	Maui

Ha'iwale	<i>Cyrtandra crenata</i>	E	O'ahu
Ha'iwale	<i>Cyrtandra munroi</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
Haha	<i>Cyanea copelandii</i> ssp. <i>Haleakalaensis</i>	E	Maui
Haha	<i>Cyanea glabra</i>	E	Maui
Haha	<i>Cyanea grimesiana</i> ssp. <i>Grimesiana</i>	E	Maui, O'ahu, Lana'i, Moloka'i
Haha	<i>Cyanea humboldtiana</i>	E	O'ahu
Haha	<i>Cyanea lobata</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
Haha	<i>Cyanea mannii</i>	E	Moloka'i
Honohono	<i>Haplostachys haplostachya</i>	E	Hawai'i, Maui Kaua'i
Ihi'ihii	<i>Marsilea villosa</i>	E	Moloka'i, O'ahu
Kauila	<i>Colubrina oppositifolia</i>	E	Hawai'i, O'ahu
Ko'oko'olau	<i>Bidens micrantha</i> ssp. <i>Kalealaha</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
Ko'oko'olau	<i>Bidens wiebkei</i>	E	Moloka'i
Ko'oloa'ula	<i>Abutilon menziesii</i>	E	Hawai'i, Maui Lana'i, O'ahu
Koki'o ke'oke'o	<i>Hibiscus arnottianus</i> ssp. <i>Immaculatus</i>	E	Moloka'i
Lo'ulu	<i>Pritchardia munroi</i>	E	Moloka'i
Love grass, Fosberg's	<i>Eragrostis fosbergii</i>	E	O'ahu
Nehe	<i>Lipochaeta lobata</i> var. <i>leptophylla</i>	E	O'ahu
Nehe	<i>Lipochaeta tenuifolia</i>	E	O'ahu
No common name	<i>Abutilon sandwicense</i>	E	O'ahu
No common name	<i>Diellia falcate</i>	E	O'ahu
No common name	<i>Diellia unisora</i>	E	O'ahu
No common name	<i>Gouania hillebrandii</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i, Moloka'i, Kaho'olawe
No common name	<i>Lobelia niihauensis</i>	E	O'ahu, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau
No common name	<i>Lobelia oahuensis</i>	E	O'ahu

No common name	<i>Lysimachia lydgatei</i>	E	O'ahu, Maui
No common name	<i>Phyllostegia mannii</i>	E	Maui, Molokai
No common name	<i>Sanicula purpurea</i>	E	O'ahu, Maui
No common name	<i>Schiedea haleakalensis</i>	E	Maui
No common name	<i>Schiedea hookeri</i>	E	O'ahu, Maui
No common name	<i>Schiedea lydgatei</i>	E	Moloka'i
No common name	<i>Schiedea sarmentosa</i>	E	Moloka'i
No common name	<i>Tetramolopium remyi</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
No common name	<i>Tetramolopium rockii</i>	T	Moloka'i
No common name	<i>Vigna o-wahuensis</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
No common name	<i>Viola oahuensis</i>	E	O'ahu
Nohoanu	<i>Geranium multiflorum</i>	E	Maui
Opuhe	<i>Urera kaalae</i>	E	O'ahu
Panicgrass, Carter's	<i>Panicum fauriei</i> var. <i>carteri</i>	E	O'ahu, Maui, Molokai
Sandalwood, Lanai ('iliahi)	<i>Santalum freycinetianum</i> var. <i>lanaiense</i>	E	Maui, Lana'i
Wahane	<i>Pritchardia aylmer-robinsonii</i>	E	Ni'ihau
Wawae'iole	<i>Huperzia mannii</i>	E	Hawai'i, Maui, Kaua'i

For the species under review, submit information or direct questions to: Field Supervisor, Attention: 5-Year Review, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 3-122, Box 50088, Honolulu, HI 96850. Information or questions can also be submitted by e-mail to: pifwo-5yr-review@fws.gov.

Copies of the Notice of Intent may be downloaded from the Service's website at <http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/>. Copies are also available by calling the Fish and Wildlife Service office in Honolulu at 808 792-9400.

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