

## ‘Ākohekohe (crested honeycreeper)



### **Distribution**

Increases in climate favorable to mosquitoes have restricted ‘ākohekohe to the absolute highest native forest habitats available in East Maui. ‘Ākohekohe occur in a very narrow, high elevation band in the highest elevation ‘ōhi‘a forests, especially in The Nature Conservancy’s Waikamoi Preserve, Hanawā Natural Area Reserve, and Manawainui within Haleakalā National Park.

### **Behavior**

‘Ākohekohe can be very aggressive and are at the top of the nectarivore food chain now. They have a relatively higher reproductive rate, but they did not do well in captive breeding when a small number of eggs were collected and reared in the late 1990s.

### **Current Status**

Estimated wild population in 2021 is 1,657 individuals. There are no ‘ākohekohe in captivity. Estimated year of extinction is 2026 to 2037, most likely 2032.

Link to ECOS <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3089>