

Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge



Lau Lima Hakalau "*Many Hands, Many Perches*"

www.friendsofhakalauforest.org

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Friends of Hakalau Forest and thank you for your support. The Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge is a relatively new non-profit organization established by a small but very dedicated group of individuals in early 2006. The purpose: to 1) foster understanding, enjoyment and conservation of the natural and cultural resources of Hakalau Forest NWR and its surrounding ecosystems, and 2) raise funds to help support the purposes, goals and mission of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge. Friends groups across the nation have been forming and working to support Refuges. Now Hakalau Forest NWR has a Friends group thanks to individuals like you who share and support these interests.

Hakalau Forest Refuge has the distinction of being the *only* refuge in the entire FWS Refuge system that is dedicated to the restoration of *endangered forest birds and their habitat*. This distinction is not the only unique factor: its 38,030 acres are home to many rare plants and four of Hawaii's rare and endangered birds plus has some of the finest remaining stands of native montane rain forest in Hawaii. The isolation of the Hawaiian archipelago allowed remarkable variation in the plant and avian communities; Hawaii's Honeycreepers' range of variation far exceeds Darwin's finches of the Galápagos. To many who have experienced the forest and its avian complement, this Refuge has been equated to the 'jewel in the crown'. We think you might agree.

The dedication of Hakalau Forest FWS staff in their work and management of alien plant and animal removal, in reforestation, in monitoring of native plant and animal populations has made the refuge what it is today. They have also reached out to Hawaii's communities and worked with thousands of volunteers since 1986. Their dedication has been tremendous and deserves both mention and public support.

Unfortunately congressionally funded FWS budgets have not consistently allowed Refuges across the nation to keep up with Refuge needs and inflationary costs. This is where Friends groups, including Friends of Hakalau Forest, come in. Many persons in communities throughout the nation are joining in and giving with their time and monetary donations, knowing that what they believe in will be supported and maintained by FWS and the Friends groups collaboratively for future generations to understand, to enjoy and to conserve.

The Friends of Hakalau Forest is grateful for your membership, monetary donation and volunteering; by doing so you are helping support Fish and Wildlife Service's Hakalau Forest NWR.

A note about our tax status: in November 2006 the Federal Government accepted our 501 (c) (3) application and granted Friends of Hakalau Forest NWR Federal tax exempt status. This enables you to deduct your contribution to the extent of the law.

Membership Application: **Friends of Hakalau Forest NWR**

Print Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ (Contributions gratefully accepted & are tax-deductable).

Annual membership dues:

Student \$10. Senior \$10. Individual \$25. Family \$35. Sponsor \$100. Corporate \$250.

Membership: New or Renewal (circle) with / without information changes from last membership.

Donation: Donation (circle) with / without membership at this time.

Tribute: In honor of _____.

Tribute is regarding _____.

Membership \$ _____ + Donation \$ _____ + Tribute _____ = **Total** _____.

Please make checks payable to Friends of Hakalau Forest NWR & mail to:

Friends of Hakalau Forest NWR, P.O. Box 6065; Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Periodically the Friends of Hakalau Forest NWR sends out a newsletter and updates via e-mail. We are grateful for you allowing us to send these by e-mail as it saves money, time and paper. For those who do not have e-mail we will send by regular mail and for those who would prefer nothing be mailed/e-mailed *please indicate by checking below.*

Please do not send newsletters and updates.

I do not have e-mail and need to have correspondence sent to my mailing address.

Please send to me by e-mail. This way more of my contribution will go to the Refuge.

Care to help out? We'd be happy to have you participate!

Volunteer Interests: (please circle)

Memberships' Database Fundraising Special Events Outreach

Newsletter Grant Writing Public Speaking Education Publicity

Website Design-Maintenance Accounting Interpretive Trail Maintenance

Other: _____.

Questions? Suggestions? Write to us at: P.O Box 6065, Hilo HI 96720 or friendsofhakalauforest@gmail.com