

Surfers for Wetlands



What is Threatening the Hanalei Wildlife Refuge?



Where is the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge?

Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge is located on the north shore of Kauai. It is a part of the Kauai National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The proposed project will restore 17 acres of wetland habitat at the Hanalei Wildlife Refuge.

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At one time, Hawaii contained an estimated 58,974 acres of wetlands. Although the remaining wetlands cover less than 3% of Hawaii's surface area, they are extremely important because they support both plant and animal species endemic to the Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii has lost over 12% of its total wetland acreage and over 31% of its natural lowland wetlands. Much of the remaining wetland habitat has been degraded for recreational and agricultural purposes.

Protection, restoration, and management of Hawaii's remaining wetlands is essential to the recovery of the endemic waterbirds, as well as the survival of migrant waterfowl and shorebirds that visit the islands. Kauai lacks the Indian mongoose which has made the island a last refuge for many ground nesting birds. Kauai is considered the last stronghold for the endangered koloa maoli (Hawaiian Duck) and nene (Hawaiian Goose).

What Can You Do to Help?

Volunteer opportunities are sometimes available. If you would like to volunteer at Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge, please contact the Kaua'i National Wildlife Refuge Complex at (808) 828-1413.



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