

Mount Kaala

Island: Oahu
Size: 1,100 acres
Elevational range: 1,200 - 4,000 feet
Year established: 1981
Date surveyed: August 1988
Description: Several wet and mesic shrubland and forest communities typical of the central Waianae Mountains are found on the wet, flat summit and northern valleys of Mt. Kaala. Among them are two rare lowland forest communities. Rare plants and snails are also known from the reserve.

Natural Communities: 12 total, 2 rare

RANK	NAME
2	Lonomea Lowland Dry Forest
2	Oahu Diverse Lowland Mesic Forest
3	'A'ali'i Lowland Dry Shrubland
3	Hawaiian Intermittent Stream
3	Koa/'Ohi'a Lowland Mesic Forest
3	Mamaki Lowland Wet Shrubland
3	Mixed Fern/Mixed Shrub Montane Wet Cliff
3	'Ohi'a/Mixed Shrub Montane Wet Forest
3	'Ohi'a Montane Wet Shrubland
3	'Ohi'a/'Olapa Montane Wet Forest
3	'Ohi'a/Uluhe Montane Wet Forest
4	Uluhe Lowland Wet Shrubland

Native Plants: 208 total taxa, 69 rare

Native Animals: 11 total taxa, 7 rare

Management Highlights: Feral pigs are a problem in gulches and upper flats. Public and staff hunting will be increased. Fences are recommended for the summit plateau unit. A management trail is recommended along the lower contour and easier access to the area via permits is needed. Stray cattle should be removed from the reserve by ranch personnel. More surveying is recommended to identify the most intact areas of lowland mesic and dry native forests and only in these areas are weeds to be removed and kept under control. Target weeds include blackberry, Clidemia, toon, and Christmas berry. No weed control is recommended for areas dominated by non-native vegetation.