

# Share Your Aloha for our Manu

## A project to close out Makahiki o Nā Manu Nahele



**Calling teachers, students, conservationists, and manu lovers across Hawai'i**

### The Project

We'd like to end Makahiki o Nā Manu Nahele (Year of the Forest Birds) by asking classrooms and conservation partners across Hawai'i to create and send us **>1 min video clips** of them showing aloha to our forest birds. Once we receive the video clips, we'll make a **statewide compilation video**. We'll share this video on Instagram, Facebook, and websites in December. Our hope is that our manu and our fellow humans will benefit from the aloha you share in creating your videos.



*A student group performing an oli*

### How to Participate

Each classroom or organization can choose how they want to show their aloha for forest birds. You can choose one of the options below or create your own, and then record a <1min video of your group sharing their performance, artwork, or words:

- **Perform a birdsong:** We strongly encourage groups to learn one or more birdsongs of our Hawaiian forest birds and then use your voices to recreate those songs, loudly and proudly, as a group. You could do this in your classroom, but ideally your group would step outside and face our ma uka forests when sharing your song. You can find birdsong for most of our remaining native birds on their profile pages at [dlnr.hawaii.gov/manu](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/manu)
- **Perform an oli for the birds:** Your group can find or create an oli that shows support for our forest birds. Again, ideally this would be done outdoors while facing our ma uka areas. One option suggested by our friends at 'Āhuimanu is to begin with this introductory paragraph: "'O ka lele a nei 'āuna // O kaha, ka'i a lālani // O ho'onohonoho a pa'a // Pa'a ka 'āina o Hawai'i Kuauli // Puka kāna keiki he manu nahele, lele!" This invokes the emergence of the birds. You could then add other phrases of your choosing and/or perform birdsong, and end with "Pa'ahia!" This closing suggests a secure future for our manu.
- **Create and share manu artwork:** Draw or paint a Hawaiian forest bird in any medium you like. Then, get your group together and hold up your artwork to create your <1min video clip. If you'd like you can also share your artwork with us and we'll post it on our website.
- **Create a poem or short statement:** As a group, create your own words to describe why Hawaiian forest birds are important to you. Please keep it short so we can try to include everyone's submissions in our compilation video.

## Creating and submitting your video

**In October or November 2024:** Whichever method you choose to show your aloha, please record a **short, <1 min video** of your group performing or sharing their work. Videos should be recorded in landscape mode (**horizontal, not vertical, video**). You don't need a fancy camera; a smartphone will do. Try to avoid rocking/moving your camera while recording, and block wind or background noise.

**By no later than November 30, 2024:** Submit your videos by uploading to [our secure upload service, Canto](#). When uploading you'll be asked to provide a photographer name and agency (i.e., your school/group name). You can optionally list your island and a description. **When your upload is complete it will be automatically moved into our secure album**, so you won't be able to see your upload and the screen will continue to say "Upload Link is Empty." That's normal and your upload was successful, mahalo! If you created artwork and would like us to share it online, you can also upload those images at Canto. The upload link URL is: [https://hidofaw.canto.com/u/u-1995859b3d444bbd8e2ce5d066750882\\_c05893ff792c476baa3bade6df701f74](https://hidofaw.canto.com/u/u-1995859b3d444bbd8e2ce5d066750882_c05893ff792c476baa3bade6df701f74)

## Media release waivers and sharing video/images of your group

Clips from your submitted videos and any artwork you submit will be shared publicly on websites and social media accounts managed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, our partners in Makahiki o Nā Manu Nahele, and potentially re-shared by other people online. **Check with your school or organization to make sure that you are not prohibited from sharing images/videos of your group members, especially students.**

By uploading your content into our Canto link above, you are giving the Department of Land and Natural Resources, our partners, and others permission to publically share your submitted content. Please fill out a Media Release Waiver to document this permission. You can complete our [media release waiver online](#) or [download a PDF](#) to print, sign, scan, and email to [dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov](mailto:dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov). If unable to use the links above, find the form at [dlnr.hawaii.gov/volunteer/forms](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/volunteer/forms).

## The final product, and our thanks to you

We will do our best to include a clip from your submission in a statewide compilation video that will be shared online in early-to-mid-December. You will be able to find the video at our Makahiki o Nā Manu Nahele webpage, and on Instagram accounts including oahudofaw, birdsnotmosquitoes, kauaiforestbirds, and other partners. We may also request a news release about the project to help raise awareness. **If your group or organization has a social media account and you would like to be tagged or added as a post collaborator**, please send your social media account name to [dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov](mailto:dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov) by November 30, 2024.

We really appreciate any classroom or group who takes the time to share their love of Hawaiian forest birds. We would be happy to provide your group with a bird poster, bird stickers, or other free swag listed on the Swag section of our [Makahiki o Nā Manu Nahele website](#). See the website for instructions on how to request items.

For questions, contact [dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov](mailto:dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov)

