

GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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This is the second edition of Go Hunt Hawai'i, a quarterly newsletter to connect hunters and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). Sign up to stay up to date on announcements, Game Management Advisory Commission meeting dates, changes to hunting areas, and more.

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Game birds use guzzlers to quench their thirst

KEKAHA GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

DOFAW installs and maintains water guzzlers in hunting units throughout the state. These water tanks, or guzzlers, provide water to support game bird populations.

Based on public interest into their effectiveness, DOFAW biologists on Kaua'i set out to record gamebird visits using camera traps on two of the water guzzlers in the Kekaha Game Management Area.

The cameras recorded everything taking advantage of a free drink. A total of 174 game birds visited over 6 days in spring 2017; listed by species below. Collecting this type of information helps biologists to manage gamebird populations in hunting areas.



^ Ring-necked pheasant caught drinking water on camera trap.



32
ring-necked
pheasants



6
Erkel's
francolin



97
spotted
dove



39
barred
dove

BY THE NUMBERS

Game harvested by hunters

Axis Deer,
Lana'i



2015	1,286	2,220
2016	1,429	2,070
2017	1,681	2,260

Bearded Turkey,
Hawaii'i



2015	51	279
2016	47	229
2017	43	258

Announcements

GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

FIRST MEETING HELD

GMAC Commission Members getting sworn in at their first meeting >



The first state Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) meeting was held June 19, 2017 on O'ahu. The GMAC was established to advise the Board of Land and Natural Resources regarding hunting-related activities statewide.

The introductory meeting was a success, with Commissioners selecting their Chair and Vice-Chair. For dates of future meetings, please refer to the [state calendar](#). For more information on the GMAC, refer to [Section 183D-4.5, Hawaii'i Revised Statutes](#).

GMAC Commission Members

Kaua'i Robert Cremer
O'ahu Josiah Jury and Nancy Timko
Moloka'i Lori Buchanan (Vice-Chair)
Lana'i Stan Ruidas
Maui Jeffrey DeRego
West Hawaii'i Jon Sabati (Chair)
East Hawaii'i Ryan Kohatsu
DLNR Chairperson's designated representative (ex officio voting member) Kekoa Kaluhiwa

KAUA'I

BLACK-TAILED DEER SEASON

Dates for the black-tailed deer hunting season on Kaua'i have been announced.

The application deadline for regular deer rifle tag season is **3:30 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2017**.

LANA'I

MOUFLON SEASON STARTS

The Mouflon Sheep season starts on the last Saturday in July with archery hunts for 8 consecutive days, followed by the youth hunt weekend.

For season length, bag limits, and other information for all hunts, please see Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting".

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