

# GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS  
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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## DOFAW Staff works to improve Public Hunting Areas

There are approximately 916,000 acres of public hunting land in Hawaii, and a lot of labor goes into keeping those public hunting areas usable each year. Division of Forestry and Wildlife staff work on many ongoing projects that improve public hunting areas and game habitat.

Signs, markers, and gates need to be repaired or replaced. New hunter check stations are installed. DOFAW collects hunter data from the check stations to analyze game trends, and makes an effort to look for places to expand hunter opportunity. Staff also conduct field and aerial surveys throughout the year to keep track of game populations.

Take a look at some of the numbers for public hunting areas statewide where DOFAW staff were working from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018!



### 1,594 Hunter Check Station inspections

Staff inspects the 71 hunter check stations regularly to repair any damage and control surrounding vegetation.



### 358 Miles of roadside/trails maintained

Roadside and trail upkeep ensures that roads and trails in hunting areas remain accessible to the public.



### 666 Bird water unit inspections

Over 120 gamebird water units enhance habitat for the birds to increase their presence in public hunting areas.



### 945 Acres mowed for gamebird habitat

Strip mowing helps increase gamebird species carrying capacity by providing desirable habitat.

# BY THE NUMBERS

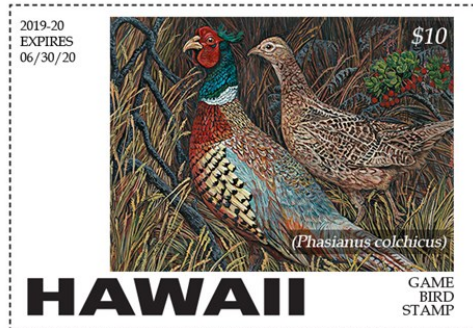
## 2018-19 Gamebird Harvest

	# Hunter trips	# Birds harvested	Average # trips required to harvest 1 gamebird	Two most frequently harvested gamebirds	
Hawai'i	3336	3760	1	Erckel's Francolin	Black Francolin
Lana'i	174	264	1	Gray Francolin	Barred Dove
Kaua'i	1159	1084	1.25	Ring-necked Pheasant	Barred Dove
Maui	276	112	2.5	Ring-necked Pheasant	Chukar Partridge
O'ahu	323	96	3.5	Barred Dove	Erckel's Francolin

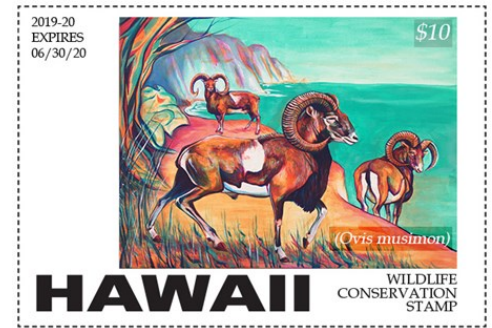


# Hunting Stamp Contest Winners

DOFAW would like to thank all wildlife artists who submitted art entries for the 2019-2020 Hawaii Hunting Stamp Contest. A committee reviewed all submissions in the subject categories: Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), and Mouflon Sheep (*Orvis musimon*). Two winners were chosen last month, shown here.



Artist: Carol Tredway



Artist: Jessica Orfe

# Announcements

## LANA'I

### MOUFLON SEASON APPLICATIONS

The DOFAW is now accepting applications for the 2019 Lana'i Mouflon Sheep Hunting Season. Applications are available at all Division of Forestry and Wildlife offices statewide and online. A \$10.00 application fee will be assessed each person applying for the hunt.

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

## KAUA'I

### GOAT HUNTING SEASON

Archery, muzzleloader and regular rifle hunting seasons have been announced for feral goats on Kauai.

The season length, bag limits, and hunting areas are listed in [Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting"](#).



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