

# GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS  
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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*This is the twelfth 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, changes to hunting areas, research on animal populations and more.*

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## Game Bird Surveys at Mauna Kea and Kapapala GMA

Dr. Javier Cotín and DOFAW biologists Kanalu Sprout and Ian Cole began the annual game bird surveys at Mauna Kea and Kapapala Cooperative Game Management Area (GMA). Hunters from O'ahu and Big Island recently surveyed with the aid of dogs at both Mauna Kea and Kapapala GMA.

For Kapapala, 73 transects were selected and divided in 8 sections. Most transects were set along open roads or paths, due to the dense vegetation that most of the Kapapala Forest reserve presents. For Mauna Kea, 68 transects were selected and divided in 9 sections. Transects were off trail but following previous transects already marked designed for Palila surveys.

Surveys have been conducted with and without the use of dogs. However, data has shown that dogs produce more accurate estimates of game birds than without the use of dogs. Thirteen species of game birds have been detected throughout the surveys with Erkel's francolins being the most abundant. The most recent survey data is currently being analyzed for review by DOFAW staff.

*A big thank you to all of our hunters and their dogs that came out to participate!*





# DOCARE Conservation Resources Enforcement Academy Training with DOFAW

The Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) begins training its newest recruits on January 21st. The academy is intended to attract people without any law enforcement experience and will include training in specialized conservation enforcement and basic training required of all police officers.

Recruits will meet with DOFAW staff in July for two days of in class training and two days of field training. DOFAW staff members will provide an overview of their programs and their program priorities. The DOFAW programs included in this training are:

- Forestry

- Wildlife (Game and Non-Game)
- Native Ecosystem Protection and Management (NEPM)
- Na Ala Hele
- Protection (Fire and ROD)

The field days are intended to cover commercial tours, Na Ala Hele trails, native species management, watershed management, wildlife control hunting permits, hiking capacity limits, camping grounds, bird and plant identification, and much more.

For more information, please visit <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/docare/>.

## Announcements

### HUNTING STAMP CONTEST

#### DOFAW SEEKING ART ENTRIES

The 2020-2021 Hunting Stamp contest is still open! The subjects for this year are the Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*) and the Columbian Black-Tailed Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus columbianus*).

Artists interested in entering the contest must submit their paintings by February 5, 2020. The winner will be notified on February 12, 2020, with a maximum prize of \$1,000.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



### GMAC

#### COMMISSION UPDATES

The Kauai Commissioner seat is still vacant! The State Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) is seeking applicants.

If you are interested in serving on the GMAC, please fill out the online application [HERE](#).

GMAC members act in an advisory capacity for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, which sets policies for the Department.

### LĀNA'I RESULTS

#### AXIS DEER SEASON RESULTS

The 2020 Lāna'i axis deer season public listing is posted on the DOFAW website. For more information, click [HERE](#).



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