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HAWAI'I WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STAMP CONTEST OPENS

(Honolulu) – Artists are welcome to submit entries to the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) in the annual art contest depicting two local species for the 2022-23 Hawai'i Wildlife Conservation and Game Bird Stamp.

The wildlife conservation stamp is a requirement on Hawai'i state hunting licenses. The game bird stamp is required for anyone intending to hunt game birds. Both stamps will be available to stamp collectors.

Subject for this year's stamps

Game Bird Stamp- **Chukar Partridge** (*Alectoris chukar*) (occurs on all main Hawaiian Islands) was introduced to Hawai'i in 1923. It is native to Asia and eastern Europe, from Israel to Nepal. They measure roughly 14 inches long and have a grey-brown back with sides striped in black and white feathers. Their face is white with a black band across the eyes down to the neck. They are a dominant component of the avifauna in high elevation shrubland and may have filled a niche held by now extinct or rare birds. The role of the alien bird in facilitating seed dispersal and germination of native plant species has been found to be beneficial in restoring degraded ecosystems.

Wildlife Conservation Stamp-**'I'iwi** (*Vestiaria coccinea*) are federally listed as threatened statewide. Adults have a vibrant red plumage with black wings and tail and a curved salmon-colored bill. The juvenile is buffy with black spots, shorter dusky bill becoming yellow in color then salmon with age. Feeds primarily on 'ōhi'a nectar, but also visit tubular flowers of understory plants like 'akala and lobelias and take insects.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

SETTING: Hawai'i habitat

SIZE: Completed painting with a maximum of 24" by 36" and unframed (to be reduced to 1" X 1.5" stamp)

MEDIUM: Oil or acrylic

ENTRY: Completed oil or acrylic painting or an 8.5" X 11" photo/print/photocopy of a completed painting

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by February 25, 2022. Notification of the winner will be made in March of 2022.

SHIPPING FEE: All paintings sent must be accompanied by a \$35.00 fee, to cover the cost of returning artwork. If a check is not included, you will need to come to the Administration office to pick up your artwork. Checks are to be made payable to the DLNR. Otherwise, a photo, print, or photocopy of an original painting may be sent with no fee (see application form).

PAYMENTS: The winner will receive a maximum award of \$1,000.

Funds from Hawaii Wildlife Conservation Stamp sales go into the state Wildlife Revolving Fund to support wildlife populations and habitat, and to manage hunting.

Last year revenues from both stamps were used to cover some of the costs of maintaining hunting units and to add game bird and game mammal hunting opportunities where possible. Proceeds from the sales of wildlife conservation stamps will also provide funds for the annual lease rental of the Lāna'i Cooperative Game Management Area and several other hunting leases.

Additional resources:

Copies of this announcement and the application form are available upon request from DOFAW, 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 325, Honolulu, HI 96813. Questions regarding the contest or to obtain an application please email: Jason.D.Omick@hawaii.gov or call to (808) 347-6869.

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RESOURCES

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Photographs:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vasfe9ie68ad6r5/AADKqGLY1Y2URmacSwVRz02la?dl=0>

Application form: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/files/2021/11/FY22-23-artist-application2doc3.pdf>

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