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HUNTERS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN GAME BIRD CROP STUDY ON HAWAII ISLAND

The study will inform understanding of game bird diets

(HILO) – The Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DLNR DOFAW) will be collecting crop samples from birds harvested on Hawai'i Island during the 2024-2025 game bird hunting season which runs from November 02, 2024 to January 26, 2025. The crop is part of the bird's digestive system where food is stored before it is digested.

The purpose of the sampling is to understand what game birds are eating in Public Hunting Areas on Hawai'i Island to better guide management efforts.

Hunters are encouraged to participate in the study by providing samples to DLNR DOFAW. If you are interested in participating, please see the instructional flyer posted at hunter check-in stations or on the DLNR DOFAW website. For questions, please contact the Hilo office of DLNR DOFAW at (808) 974-4221.

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Instructional flyer on crop collection:

https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/files/2024/11/Crop_Collection_Instructions_Sept2024_8.5x14.pdf

Hunting announcements: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/hunting-announcements/>

Photo: a ring-necked pheasant, one of the game birds available for hunting in Hawai'i.