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**2025-2026 HUNTING STAMP CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

*New stamps highlight Manu-o-Kū and Erckel's Francolin*

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HONOLULU – Winners of the 2025-2026 Hawai'i Wildlife Conservation and Game Bird Stamp Art Contest were announced this week by the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). For the Conservation Stamp, the department requested submissions featuring Manu-o-Kū (also known as the white tern or fairy tern), a native bird that nests among our community forests. For the Game Bird Stamp, the department requested submissions featuring the Erckel's Francolin. A committee reviewed all submissions, and two winners were chosen.

Conservation stamp winner (Manu-o-Kū): Patrick Ching. This bird was featured in this year's contest to coincide with 2025 being proclaimed as the Year of Our Community Forests by Governor Josh Green, M.D. The Manu-o-Kū uniquely utilizes urban trees and buildings for habitat, breeding, nesting, and rearing their young.

Game bird stamp winner (Erckel's Francolin): David K. Hayes. The winning submission features the Erckel's Francolin, native to Ethiopia and Sudan, Africa. The Erckel's spurfowl was introduced to Hawai'i in 1957 as a game bird.

The conservation stamp is required on the State of Hawai'i hunting license, and the game bird hunting stamp is required for those intending to hunt game birds. Funds from sales of these stamps go into the State Wildlife Revolving Fund to support wildlife populations and habitats, and to manage hunting programs in Hawai'i. These two new stamps will be available for the 2025-2026 hunting season. Both stamps will be available to wildlife stamp collectors on July 1, 2025, by calling (808) 587-0166 or visiting the Division of Forestry and Wildlife office located at 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 325 Honolulu, HI 96813.

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## **RESOURCES**

(All images/video courtesy: DLNR)

Winning stamp images: See attached.

2025-2026 game bird stamp and conservation stamp artwork:

<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/art2025/>

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<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/trees/>

Hunting information and for purchasing a hunting license or tags:

<https://outdoor.hawaii.gov/hunting/>

HD video – Small Game Birds Put and Take, web feature (Nov. 24, 2021):

<https://vimeo.com/650077788?share=copy>

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