

# GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS  
& RESOURCE MANAGERS



Photo: Brian Howell

*This is the Sixteenth 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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## HAWAI'I ISLAND GAMEBIRD SURVEYS PROJECT

Hawai'i Island DOFAW Staff, along with volunteer game bird hunters, completed the annual preseason game bird surveys at Mauna Kea Forest Reserve and Kapāpala Cooperative Game Management Area.

The 2025 surveys completed a total of 102 transects, 48 at Kapāpala Ranch and 54 at Mauna Kea Forest Reserve. The compilation of the survey data has shown that the Erckel's francolin is the most abundant species encountered in both areas.

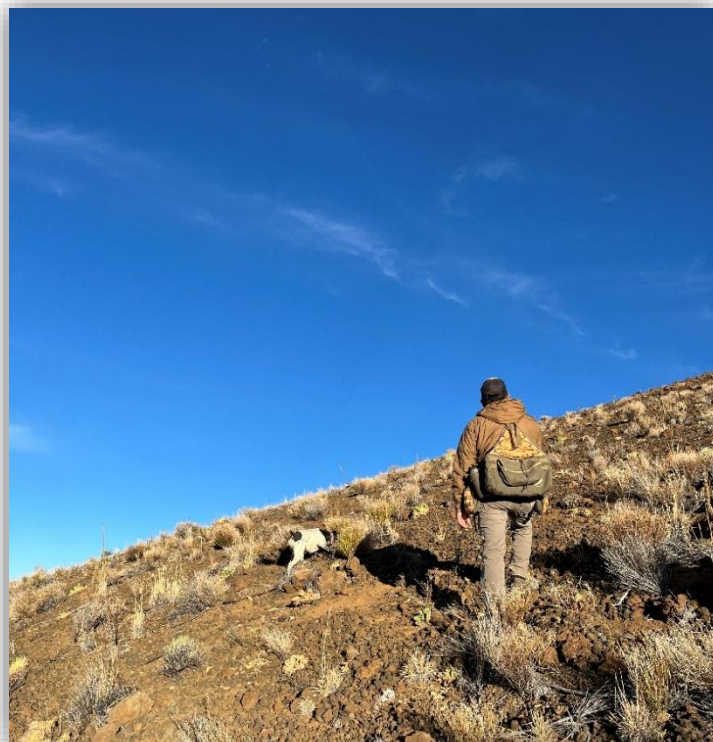
**Kapāpala CGMA transects** were surveyed from 09/03/2025 - 10/03/2025 and encountered:

- Erckel's Francolin ----- 52
- Kalij Pheasant ----- 22
- Ring-Necked Pheasant ----- 5
- Chukar Partridge ----- 10

**Mauna Kea Forest Reserve transects** were surveyed from 10/14/2025 - 10/16/2025 and encountered:

- Erckel's Francolin ----- 148
- Kalij Pheasant ----- 13
- Ring-Necked Pheasant ----- 46
- Mourning Dove ----- 11
- California Valley Quail ----- 10

Thank you to all our hunters and their bird dogs that came out to participate!





# HAWAII GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Who is representing your island? Are there any empty seats? Want to become a commissioner for your hunting community? Learn more below.

## Current Commissioners

1. Stanley Ruidas – Lānaʻi Rep.  
Active 06/30/2028 (GMAC Chair)
2. Richard Furst – Oʻahu Rep.  
Active 06/30/2029
3. Michael Johnson – Maui Rep.  
Active 06/30/2027
4. Elroy Mollena – Molokaʻi Rep.  
Active 06/30/2029
5. Jason Sanborn East Hawaiʻi Rep. – Active 06/30/2028
6. Nicolai Barca – Kauaʻi Rep. – Active 06/30/2027

## Empty Seats

1. Vacant – West Hawaiʻi Rep
2. Vacant – Member at Large

## Apply for Commissioner Seat

Interested applicants can go to:

1. <https://boards.hawaii.gov/>
2. Check current vacancy lists – [https://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/vacancy\\_list/](https://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/vacancy_list/)
3. Check frequently asked questions – <https://boards.hawaii.gov/faq/>
4. Apply – [Apply Online](#)
  - Select – Department of Land and Natural Resources
  - Select – Game Management Advisory Commission
  - Submit and fill out application
5. Letter of Interest
6. Resume
7. Coordinate with others to submit Letters of Recommendations on behalf of another applicant – <https://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/letter-of-recommendation/>
8. Obtain more information, training, and learn from resources for board members and commissioners – <https://boards.hawaii.gov/information/>

Helpful Tips:

1. [§183D-4.5 Game management advisory commission](#)
2. [Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 92 – Public Agency Meetings and Records](#)
3. [Office of Information Practices](#)
4. [Hawaii Sunshine Law](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HUNTING STAMP CONTEST

#### DOFAW SEEKING ART ENTRIES

The [2026-2027 Hunting Conservation and Game Bird Stamp contest](#) is open and accepting entries until February 23, 2026. Notification of the winner will be made later in March 2026. There will be a maximum grand prize of \$1000.00 per stamp. The subjects for this upcoming year are the wild pig (*Sus scrofa*) and the California Quail (*Callipepla californica*).

Last year's winners are below:



### NEWSLETTER PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

#### Show Off Your Hunting/Game Photos

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife is asking public hunters to submit photos that may include their time in the field, a successful hunt with their families, bird dogs locked in on point, or a once in a lifetime trophy axis deer. Submitted photos may be used for hunting related announcements, newsletters, or other forms of outreach material.

Submit photos to:

[Huntinghawaii@hawaii.gov](mailto:Huntinghawaii@hawaii.gov)

### LĀNAʻI

#### 2026 Axis Deer Season

Public drawings for the Archery, Youth, and Muzzleloader Hunts will be held on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the J Cameron Center, MEO facility on the island of Maui. At 12:00 noon, a public drawing will be held to assign hunting dates for the General Rifle Hunt. The Lanai resident public drawing will be held at 9:00 am at the same location above.

For more information click [HERE](#) and for Lottery Results click [HERE](#).



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