

LIGHT POLLUTION & GROUNDED SEABIRDS: A SOLVABLE PROBLEM



SEABIRDS NEST IN THE MOUNTAINS OF KAUA'I



THEIR SINGLE CHICK GROWS UP IN AN UNDERGROUND BURROW.



BRIGHT LIGHTS ATTRACT YOUNG SEABIRDS ON THEIR WAY TO THE OCEAN



DEEP BURROWS

'A'o and 'ua'u nest in underground burrows on Kaua'i mountains. Their single chick hatches in summer and spends its first months in dark burrow, far from urban lights.

MOUNTAIN COLONIES

'A'o and 'ua'u fly thousands of miles to bring fish and squid to their chick. Once grown, adults leave the chick alone for its first flight to the ocean, guided by the moon and stars.

URBAN LIGHTS

On their first flight to sea, chicks can be disoriented by intense urban lights, and circle around them until they fall from exhaustion. On the ground, they face threats from cars, and predators, so these "fallout" birds must be rescued.

OPEN OCEAN

If chicks avoid fallout and reach the sea, they spend 3-4 years there before returning to the same mountains where they hatched and lay their egg to start the cycle again.

GROUNDED BIRDS NEED RESCUING TO MAKE IT OUT TO SEA

You can help young 'A'o and 'Ua'u by rescuing grounded birds and turning off outdoor lights from September to December! To get involved in combating light pollution on Kaua'i and support seabird conservation, join our mailing list.



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