




# CAT SAFE HAWAI'I



Cats are popular pets in Hawai'i. We also have some of the rarest birds in the world here. To keep your cat safe and protect our endangered wildlife at the same time, here's what cat owners should do:









-  Spay or neuter cats
-  Vaccinate and microchip cats
-  Keep cats indoors.

## Indoor cats are safe cats

No responsible dog owner would let their dog out alone but we have grown accustomed to letting cats roam. That's not good for cats or wildlife



## Outdoor cats are exposed to:

-  Fatal traffic
-  Contagious and fatal diseases
-  Poisoning
-  Pet theft
-  Fleas, ticks & worms
-  Abscesses from bites
-  Getting lost
-  Dog attacks



## Catios

Keeping cats safe and happy indoors is easier with a 'catio'. This is a fenced area or lanai, accessible from a window or cat flap, where cats can play safely. Add some tree limbs, perching platforms, boxes and toys for fun.



# WILDLIFE SAFE HAWAI‘I



Hawai‘i has lots of unique birds that are found nowhere else in the world. Unfortunately, many are at risk of extinction. These native species evolved without predators; they don't have the usual defenses against mammals. Here are some endangered birds you might find in wetlands near human habitation. Help us to protect them by keeping cats indoors!

## ‘Alae‘ula – Hawaiian Common Gallinule

The ‘bringer of fire’ in Hawaiian legends, these birds have a bright red patch on their foreheads (called a ‘frontal shield’) which protects their faces from sharp vegetation.



Pop: 1,000 birds

## ‘Alae Ke‘oke‘o – Hawaiian Coot

Coots have curious, lobed feet to navigate swampy areas and they build ingenious floating nests.



Pop: 2,000 birds

## Koloa Maoli – Hawaiian Duck

These aren't your average duck; Koloa Maoli evolved in isolation on our archipelago and are a different species. They are now very rare and are mostly found in Kaua‘i.



Pop: 1,000 birds

## Ae‘o – Hawaiian Stilt

These elegant birds have long, pink legs and can tolerate brackish water. They use a ‘broken wing’ display to draw predators away from their young.



Pop: 2,000 birds



Other birds which are at risk from attacks by cats and dogs off leash

Mōli (Laysan Albatross), ‘Ua‘u Kani (Wedge-tailed Shearwater), Nēnē (Hawaiian Goose), ‘A‘o (Newell’s Shearwater) and ‘Ua‘u (Hawaiian Petrel).