Biology from Hawaii Name

2014

**Narrate a Bird Video**



**Introduction**

The Hawaiian Islands have 113 **endemic** birds species, unique creatures that only exist in Hawaii. These ranged from gentle red honeycreepers to sharp-eyed predatory hawks. Today, 80% of these species are either endangered or already extinct!

None of the common birds around Honolulu are **endemic** to the Hawaiian Islands. Mynahs, pigeons, sparrows and many others were brought to the islands by humans. Seeing an **endemic** bird in nature

can be very difficult; today we will use video. You will **teach your lab group** about one species of native Hawaiian bird by narrating a short video.

**Procedure**

1. Observe some good narration. Watch 15 minutes of any episode of Life of Birds.

YouTube search: Life of Birds or http://www.youtube.com/channel/SWS3vPSi1o5nM

The narrator describes many species of birds. What facts do you find interesting? List them here:

2. Bird research

Choose one of the following species of native Hawaiian bird and obtain a video:

1. *‘Akiapola‘au* 2. *‘Amakihi* 3. *‘Apapane* 4. *I‘iwi* 5. *Palila*

Each member of your lab group should choose a different species. Watch your video. Learn about the lifestyle of your species. HINT: use your bird's ***scientific name*** as a search term

3. Write a script

Watch your video and figure out what your bird is doing. Write a script that could include:

• Hawaiian name of your bird

• habitat (what kind of nature it likes)

• diet

• what makes this bird special

• conservation status (common, rare, endangered)

• threats to the future of this species