

Please note the correct date for the speaker is **Thursday, February 9.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion. Mahalo!



Birds of Paradise Lost: Evolution, Extinction and Conservation of Hawaii's Birds

A Presentation by Dr. Rob Fleischer, Senior Scientist with Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, National Zoological Park

Please join us as the Maunakea Speaker Series kicks off its first community presentation Thursday, February 9 starting at 7 pm. This free Speaker Series will be held in the UH Hilo Sciences and Technology Building (STB) room 108. On-campus parking is open and available without charge.

Dr. Rob Fleischer will discuss Hawaii's native birds, and how he and his colleagues use DNA methods to study the evolutionary relationships, population genetics, diets, and the impacts and mitigation of introduced disease.



The extinct moa-nalo



Hawaiian Honeycreepers

Dr. Fleischer's research with the Smithsonian Institution involves application of DNA and genetic analyses to studies in conservation, evolution and animal behavior. His research often focuses on the use of DNA and genetics to document changes in genetic variation (especially with recently extinct Hawaiian avifauna) and to study the evolutionary interactions between hosts, vectors and infectious disease organisms (such as introduced avian malaria in native Hawaiian birds).

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