



Native Hawaiian Plant Society

Nanea Nā Pua O Ka 'Āina Aloha

NHPS Newsletter

November 2008

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Trip to Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge

by Irene Newhouse

Back in 2004, NHPS invited Baron Horiuchi from Hakalau NWR to speak at one of our public meetings. When he accepted, he said he'd love to see Auwahi, so the Board organized a trip to Auwahi for him the next day. During this outing (members who were there will remember that a rod connecting to the front axle of one of the trucks broke, and those of us who had ridden in that truck had to walk down to the road, where we waited for someone to come back from the Tavares Community Center to get us) Linda Nelson, then Chair, asked him about a Native Plant Society trip to Hakalau. It took three years to get a date! In the meantime, Linda's no longer Chair, as she's moved to the Big Island.

While 12 of us (the maximum) signed up, only 8 of us were able to go, as you might expect from a trip three years in the making. We organized the food prep by email, and Linda very kindly did the grocery shopping. We arrived on Friday. The drive to Hakalau is a long one, over rutted dirt roads through former cattle country. We saw a small herd of mouflon on the way. There are staggering amounts of gorse in some places. Yet in others, there are tree-size pilo (*Coprosma montana*). Baron is propagating several rare and not-so-rare mints, primarily in the genera *Stenogyne* and *Phyllostegia*. *P. brevidens* was recently rediscovered, having last been seen in the 1870's. He also has large specimens of *Cyanea shipmanii* and *Clermonti lindseyana*, as well as a *Ranunculus hawaiiensis* (Hawaiian buttercup, for those of you who know buttercups as Mainland weeds). After the tour, we repotted large numbers of plants for him. There are now about 200 nēnē at Hakalau, though in July they've mostly dispersed elsewhere. A group of about 5 was still hanging around the cabin area, though.

Because Hakalau has been suffering a drought, we did not reforest on Saturday. Instead, we planted understory. The practice at Hakalau is to plant koa first. Because temperatures may drop below freezing, each seedling is supplied with a shade cloth "backstop" for protection.

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**Don't forget to
renew your
membership!**

Calendar Contest

NHPS is proud to announce our first annual native Hawaiian plant photography contest. The 12 best photographs will be featured in a 2010 calendar made especially for the Native Hawaiian Plant Society. We are looking for beautiful, unique and inspiring pictures of native Hawaiian plants.

Send us actual (or electronic) copies of non-copyrighted photographs that you have taken to einew@hotmail.co or mail to P.O. Box 5021, Kahului HI. 96733

All entries must be received by **January 31, 2009.**

Trip to Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge

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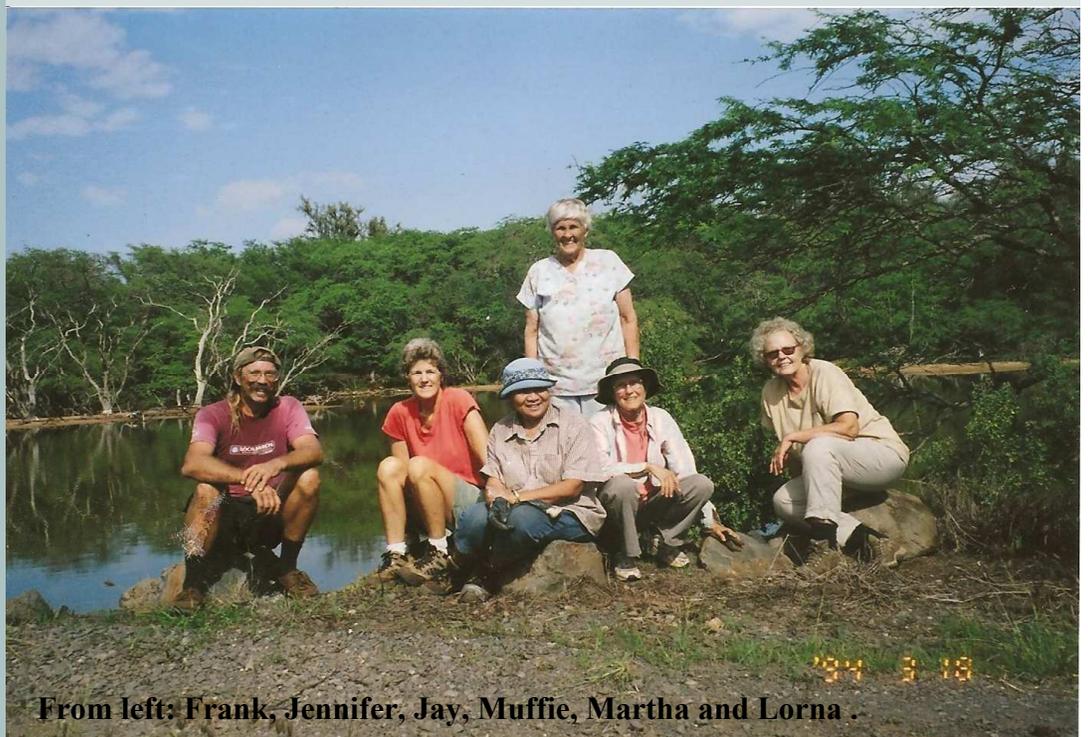
Once the koa are large enough to have a drip line 3 to 4 feet from the trunk, understory is planted around the drip line – naio, pilo, ‘ohelo, ‘ākala, pūkiawe. Whenever the trees grow enough for the drip line to be another 3 to 4 feet out from the trunk, the process is repeated. Our efficient group planted 500 understory plants in 4-1/2 hours.

Our speed meant there was a lot of daylight left, so Baron took us to the Pua ‘Ākala tract, to pick ‘ākala, which were profuse, to say the least. There is a “golden” form of ‘ākala at Hakalau. We saw a pueo as we were coming back.

Sunday morning we went back to the Pua ‘Ākala tract for bird watching. As we were driving out there, we saw pueo again. There is an historic cabin on this tract, dating from the 1890s, which we visited. The area in which we watched for birds has ropes to hold researchers’ mist nets in several places. We saw ‘i‘iwi, ‘apapane, ‘amakihi, and ‘ōma‘o.

It was a terrific trip, and we’re extremely grateful to Linda Nelson for organizing it.

Kanahā Pond Volunteers



From left: Frank, Jennifer, Jay, Muffie, Martha and Lorna .

Upcoming NHPS Events

November 8, 2008 (Saturday)

Lawn and Garden Fair and Hawaiian Tree Give-away

1000 Native Hawaiian Trees to be given away

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

150 Kanaloa Ave. Kahului, HI. 96733

808/249-2798

November 14, 2008 (Saturday)

Hibiscus brackenridgei exclosure

Please join us to kōkua this exclosure that is home to our state flower

Call Hank @ 808/669-4983 or email

hmo3500@hotmail.com to sign up



Hibiscus brackenridgei

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November 21, 2008 (Friday)

NHPS Lecture Series

Linda Nelson– Effects of Vog on Plants

Hannibal Tavares Center Pool Room,

Pukalani. **7:00 PM**

December 6, 2008 (Saturday)

‘Ohai trail (Kahakuloa) coastal hike

Call Richard @808/575-2985 to sign up.

January 31, 2009

NHPS Calendar Contest Deadline

email photo's to einew@hotmail.com

*All hikes are **Free** to the membership, non members welcome to join and pay a one time member fee of \$15*

Weekly Service Trips

Kanahā pond

Workdays are every Thursday from

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Call Lorna Hazen @808/572-6338 or email

lornajack@clearwire.net

Mahalo to:

Cook Kwee's Maui Cookies for donating cookies for our meetings.

Maui County Parks and Recreation for the use of Hannibal Tavares Community Center Pool Room.

Hawaiian Canoe Club for the use of their meeting room.

Harry Eager for the wonderful PR in the Maui News.

Exclosure Partners: Hawai'i State DLNR, Donna and Alan Ting, 'Ulupalakua Ranch, and Kamehameha Golf Course.

Garden Tour Homeowners: George and Janet Allan, Pat and Marci Bily and Jack and Lorna Hazen.

Generous Donors: Raymond Higashi, David and Martha Moran, Angela Kay Kepler and Frank Rust, Debby Brown and, Anna Mae Shishido, John H R Plews, and Ann Carter.



Stenogyne calminthoides

Photo: Irene Newhouse

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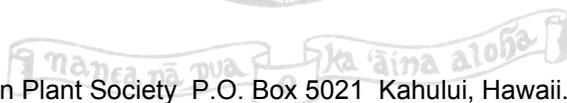
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