



'Iiwi (*Drepanis coccinea*)

Size: Body length, approx. 15 cm **Weight:** 16.7 - 19.9 g **Habitat:** Prefers wet to mesic forest for breeding, but also visits dry areas **Surviving number:** Estimated at 605,418 in 2012



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Say aloha to an icon. The 'i'iwi is recognized as a symbol of Hawai'i, and was once common on all the main islands of the archipelago. Now found primarily on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island, the honeycreeper will fly long distances to find its favorite blooming flowers. An important pollinator, it uses its long, hooked bill to extract nectar from elaborately shaped

flowers. The 'i'iwi defends territory during blooming peaks, but is powerless in the face of avian malaria, introduced predators and habitat degradation.

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