

Bird Checklist for Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden



Common Mynah

Acridotheres tristis

- extremely vocal with loud screeching
- often seen in boisterous groups
- native to Asia



Red-crested or Brazilian Cardinal

Paroaria coronata

- juveniles have a brown crest and follow their parents around, waiting to be fed
- native to S. America



Red-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus cafer

- eats anything: orchid flower buds, baby birds
- notoriously clever at getting food
- native to India



Cattle Egret

Bubulcus ibis

- follow cattle and lawnmowers to find insects
- has orange-buff plumes during breeding
- -native to Africa & Spain



Java Finch or Java Rice Sparrow

Lonchura oryzivora

- travel in groups to feed on grass seed
- native to Indonesia



Red-Billed Leiothrix

Leiothrix lutea

- loud melodios warble
- secretive, forages in shady underbrush
- native to India



Japanese White-eye or Mejiro

Zosterops japonicus

- small songbird
- solitary, can be hard to spot in the trees
- native to E. Asia



Pacific Golden Plover or Kolea

Pluvialis fulva

- native to Hawaii
- migrates between Hawaii and Alaska
- return to the same grassy territory year after year



White-rumped Shama or Shama Thrush

Copsychus malabaricus

- melodious songbird with a 'Tck' alarm call
- follows gardeners for insect handouts
- native to India & SE, Asia



Northern Cardinal

Cardinalis cardinalis

- males are bright red and females are light brown
- pairs mate for life and stay together year-round
- clear whistling song
- native to N. America



Red-whiskered Bulbul

Pycnonotus jocosus

- eats fruits, insects and nectar
- loud chattering songs early in the morning
- native to tropical Asia



Black-crowned Night Heron or 'Auku'u

Nycticorax nycticorax

- native to Hawaii, also found worldwide
- stands very still near water to ambush prey
- eats fish, frogs, small birds



Common Waxbill

Estrilda astrild

- look for flocks feeding in grassy areas in afternoon
- native to Sub-Saharan Africa



Hawaii Coot or 'Alae ke'oke'o

Fulica alai

- native to Hawaii, endangered
- eats plants, insects, fish
- lobed (not webbed) feet
- call is a short, harsh croak



Chestnut Munia

Lonchura atricapilla

- flocks found in grassy areas
- native to Tropical Asia



Nutmeg Mannikin

Lonchura punctulata

- eats grass seed
- highly social
- native to Asia

Also seen in the garden: Spotted Dove, Zebra Dove, House Sparrow and Mallard Duck.