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SPECIES LIST

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SPECIES		Highest daily count for:				
		O = Oahu, B = Big Island,, M = Maui, K = Kauai C = Common H = Heard only shade = island found				
		O	B	M	K	Comments
1	Laysan Albatross <i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>				30	Vulnerable: From a headland in Kauai we saw up to 30 birds giving stunning close fly pasts, plus adults displaying on grassy areas. We then had close views of several big fluffy chicks on their nests which were in the middle of a housing estate. Can you imagine having a pair of albatross nesting in your flower bed!
2	Black-footed Albatross <i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>				1	Endangered: One adult bird seen very well as it made two passes of our boat during our Kauai Pelagic.
3	Hawaiian Petrel <i>Pterodroma sandwichensis</i>			6-20		Breeding Endemic: Vulnerable: Between 6 and 20 seen in the evening from the top of Haleakala, excellent views had of pairs flying right overhead in daylight prior to dusk. We also were privileged to listen to them calling through headphones and a parabolic reflector. A wonderful experience.
4	Wedge-tailed Shearwater <i>Puffinus pacificus</i>	4			300	3 or 4 were seen fairly distantly scoped from lookout on Oahu. Our best views were from our Pelagic trip out of Kauai where we had around 300 birds including several dark morph birds.
5	Sooty Shearwater					Near Threatened: Up to 4 or 5 easily identified as this species, apparently not a common bird off Hawaii.
6	Christmas Shearwater <i>Puffinus nativitatis</i>				3- 4	Not the best of views but as we returned from our Kauai Pelagic and in rough seas we saw 3 or 4 birds that were seemingly smaller and much darker than the Sooty Shearwaters, with narrower and completely dark wings which fit this species perfectly. Oh for better views!
7	Red-tailed Tropicbird <i>Phaethon rubricauda</i>	10			20	Up to 10 seen with most very close from a roadside cliff top giving excellent close views on Oahu. Up to 20 were seen more distantly at Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge.

8	White-tailed Tropicbird <i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	4			10	3 or 4 seen from shore on Oahu. A couple flew by on our Kauai Pelagic and pairs seen flying over the forests from various lookouts in the mountains of Kauai. Also scoped one on a nest.
9	Red-footed Booby <i>Sula sula</i>	20			300	20+ with most showing superbly flying over turquoise sea below us from lookout on Oahu. A nesting colony of 300 plus birds allowed excellent views from the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge on Kauai.
10	Brown Booby <i>Sula leucogaster</i>	7			20	A couple flew past from lookout on Oahu. Our best views were of small groups totalling about 20 birds seen well from our Kauai Pelagic.
11	Great Frigatebird <i>Fregata minor</i>	4			20	Several seen distantly with one harassing a Red-footed Booby on Oahu. Others seen well from our Kauai Pelagic.
12	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Common and seen in flocks on all islands
13	Black-crowned Night-Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	4		12	3	3 or 4 seen around coast on Oahu. Good views of adults fishing in daylight on ponds around Hilo on Maui, and a few in flight on Kauai.
14	Canada Goose <i>Branta canadensis</i>		2			Introduced: Two birds seen in the park on the Big Island assumed to be introduced.
15	Nene <i>Branta sandvicensis</i>		3	2	20	Endemic: Vulnerable: Couldn't get excited by 3 in a park on Big Island. A pair in the mountains of Maui seemed better, but many more birds seen at various sites on Kauai allowed us to tick this endemic brought back from the edge of extinction.
16	Hawaiian Duck <i>Anas wyvilliana</i>				6	Endemic: Endangered: Up to 6 seen at various wetland sites on Kauai.
17	Northern Pintail <i>Anas acuta</i>	4	10			A few seen on Oahu. Up to 10 seen on coastal pond on Big Island.
18	Northern Shoveler <i>Anas clypeata</i>		1			Just one seen on coastal pond on Big Island.
19	Gadwall <i>Anas strepera</i>		1			Unknown status but one seen on coastal pond on Big Island.
20	Mallard <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	2	6	10		Introduced: A couple of good candidates were seen around the Big Island
21	Hawaiian Hawk <i>Buteo solitarius</i>		2			Endemic: Near Threatened: Our first one was seen flying over the road, and later Dave L spotted a bird perched in dead tree which we all got good views of. Another seen perched in forest and yet another on a dead tree near Mauna Kea. All on Big Island
22	Wild Turkey <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>		20			Introduced: Groups of up to 20 seen in and around Mauna Kea on Big Island.
23	California Quail <i>Callipepla californica</i>		20			Introduced: Groups of up to 10 seen around Mauna Kea on Big Island.
24	Chukar <i>Alectoris chukar</i>		2	1		Introduced: 2 seen around Mauna Kea on Big Island and one other seen on Big island.

25	Black Francolin <i>Francolinus francolinus</i>		H	H	1	Introduced: Heard in the mountains around Mauna Kea on Big Island, and a couple of brief sightings on Kauai
26	Gray Francolin <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	H	H		2	Introduced: Two birds seen near airport feeding alongside the road.
27	Erckel's Francolin <i>Francolinus erckelii</i>		12		H	Introduced: Up to 12 easily seen around Mauna Kea on Big Island. Also easily heard in mountains of Kauai.
28	Japanese Quail <i>Coturnix japonica</i>		1			Introduced: One birds took off and flew a short distance downhill at Mauna Kea.
29	Red Junglefowl <i>Gallus gallus</i>	10			120	Introduced: Some good looking birds seen on roadsides up in the mountains of Oahu. Very common everywhere on Kauai.
30	Kalij Pheasant <i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>		3			Introduced: A pair and then a super male seen briefly at Hakalau Wildlife Refuge on Big island.
31	Ring-necked Pheasant <i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		6	2		Introduced: A few seen on Big Island and Maui.
32	Golden Pheasant <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>			1		Introduced: A fairly recent introduction to Maui in the last 20 years we saw an adult male walking through the dark forest of Waikamoi.
33	Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis</i>	2			6	Just a couple seen on pond by coast on Oahu. Reasonably easy to see on any wetland area on Kauai.
34	Hawaiian Coot <i>Fulica alai</i>	4		100	2	Endemic: Vulnerable: This is a full endemic which we saw on ponds by coast on Oahu and Kauai. Common on ponds on Big Island.
35	Hawaiian Stilt <i>Himantopus mexicanus knudseni</i>	6		40		Endemic subspecies: A few of this endemic subspecies seen on pond by coast on Oahu. Lots seen on Maui and a few on Kauai.
36	Pacific Golden Plover <i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	C	C	C	C	Common on any grassy area including roadside verges and even roof-tops. Seen everywhere.
37	Bristle-thighed Curlew <i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	12				Vulnerable: Up to 12 were seen very well in and around sand dunes near coast on Oahu where wintering birds are now known to spend the summer.
38	Wandering Tattler <i>Tringa incana</i>		2	1	1	Just a few birds seen on rocky shores of Big Island, Maui and Kauai. Certainly more would have been seen if we checked suitable habitat.
39	Ruddy Turnstone <i>Arenaria interpres</i>	40	20	40	10	Small groups seen on all islands with birds feeding on the grass in parks on Big Island.
40	Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	3		50		Lots seen on edges of ponds on coast of Big Island.
41	Dunlin <i>Calidris alpina</i>			1		Just one bird seen amongst Sanderling on coastal pool on Big Island.
42	Red Phalarope <i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>				5	Group of 4 seen flying and later a lone bird landed on water while on Kauai Pelagic.
43	Brown Noddy <i>Anous stolidus</i>	100			50	Lots seen passing by on coast of Oahu and groups seen close from Pelagic trip on Kauai.
44	Black Noddy <i>Anous minutus melanogenys</i>		20		6	Endemic subspecies: Small breeding colony seen on sea cliffs by Volcanoes National Park

						on Big Island. And a few seen amongst Brown Noddys from Pelagic on Kauai.
45	White/Fairy Tern <i>Gygis alba</i>	20				Introduced: Interesting that this species was introduced on the 1960's and is rare outside of Oahu where we saw them at sea and nesting on tree in the local parks of Waikiki.
46	Sooty Tern <i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	300			4	Hundreds seen from coastal lookout on Oahu, where some flew by very close. A few seen from Pelagic off of Kauai.
47	Gray-backed Tern <i>Onychoprion lunatus</i>	2			1	One or two seen with Sootys from lookout on Oahu and one seen well from Pelagic off Kauai.
48	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Common in and around urbanisation on all islands.
49	Spotted Dove <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Common in and around urbanisation on all islands.
50	Zebra Dove <i>Geopelia striata</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Common in and around urbanisation on all islands.
51	Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	4			10	Introduced: A few seen in and around Waikiki, Oahu while others seen in flight on Kauai.
52	Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i>		1			Introduced: 2 birds seen, one beside road going up saddle road and other drifted close past at Hakalau Wildlife refuge Big Island
53	Short-eared Owl <i>Asio flammeus sandwichensis</i>		1	1	4	Endemic subspecies: 2 individuals seen near Mauna Kea on Big Island and an amazing 4 seen as we descended the mountains on Kauai.
54	Eurasian Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>		20	3		Introduced: Common away from towns on Big Island. Easy in Mauna Kea.
55	Red whiskered Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	C				Introduced: Common on Oahu.
56	Red-vented Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	C				Introduced: Common and easy on Oahu.
57	Northern Mockingbird <i>Mimus polyglottos</i>					Introduced: Up to 4 seen along coast on Kauai
58	Omao (Hawaiian Thrush) <i>Myadestes obscurus</i>		4			Endemic: Vulnerable: Excellent views of up to 4 birds on Puu Oo trail near Mauna Kea on Big Island.
59	Puaiohi (Small Kauai Thrush) <i>Myadestes palmeri</i>				1	Endemic: Critically Endangered: A brief fly over on one day was outshone by superb looks at one bird at end of long hike into mountains of Kauai. An excellent and very hard bird to get, we were all very pleased with our success.
60	Japanese Bush-Warbler <i>Cettia diphone</i>	H		H	H	Introduced: Heard best as we descended mountains on Kauai.
61	White-rumped Shama <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	2			1	Introduced: Seen on Oahu, plus around hotel and in mountains on Kauai.
62	Hawaii Elepaio (Mauna Kea) <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis bryani</i>		10			Endemic: Endangered: One of three subspecies found on Big Island, we saw good numbers in the Mauna Kea Reserve Area.

	Hawaii Elepaio (Volcano) <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis ridgwayi</i>		6			Endemic: Endangered: Another subspecies found on Big Island, seen well on 3 days.
63	Oahu Elepaio <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis gayi</i>	1				Endemic: Endangered: Just one seen briefly but reasonably well in wooded valley on Oahu.
64	Kauai Elepaio <i>Chasiempis sandwichensis sclateri</i>				6	Endemic: Endangered: Not so easy but up to 6 seen in mountains on Kauai.
65	Hwamei (Melodious Laughing-thrush)		H	H	2	Introduced: Heard a few times and seen briefly on Kauai and Maui.
	Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush <i>Garrulax pectoralis</i>				H	Introduced: One heard at arboretum on Kauai
66	Red-billed Leiothrix <i>Leiothrix lutea</i>	10	4	H		Introduced: Seen most easily on Oahu and Big Island where it is common.
67	Japanese White-Eye <i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	20	30	20	10	Introduced: Common and easily seen in any habitat on all four islands.
68	Common Myna <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Common and seen everyday of the tour on all four islands.
69	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Common and seen everyday of the tour on all four islands.
70	Lavender Waxbill <i>Estrilda caerulescens</i>		2			Introduced: A few seen by Judith and Dianne while on Big Island
71	Common Waxbill <i>Estrilda astrild</i>	30				Introduced: Small groups seen around Waikiki on Oahu.
72	Red Avadavat <i>Amandava amandava</i>					Introduced: A few seen near coast on Kauai
73	Scaly-breasted Munia <i>Lonchura punctulata</i>		10			Introduced: Small groups seen on Big Island, Maui and Kauai.
74	Chestnut Munia <i>Lonchura atricapilla</i>	50			4	Introduced: Roadside groups seen on Oahu and on Kauai
75	Java Sparrow <i>Padda oryzivora</i>	30	20	20	2	Introduced: Reasonably common with small groups seen on all islands.
76	House Finch <i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	C	C	C	C	Introduced: Small numbers seen on all islands
77	Yellow-fronted Canary <i>Serinus mozambicus</i>	2	2			Introduced: Just a couple seen on Oahu and Big Island.
78	Palila <i>Loxioides bailleui</i>		3			Endemic: Endangered: 3 or 4 of these rapidly declining birds were seen well in the Mauna Kea Reserve. One male bird showed very well, singing and feeding on a bush at close range.
79	Maui Parrotbill <i>Pseudonestor xanthophrys</i>			1		Endemic: Critically Endangered: This very difficult bird was seen first by David L, and then later in the same spot by half the group who watch it feeding and preening at close range for several minutes, in Waikamoi.
80	Hawaii Amakihi <i>Hemignathus virens</i>		30			Endemic: Commonly seen on Big Island in suitable forest.
	Hawaii Amakihi (Maui) <i>H. v. wilsoni</i>			12		Endemic: This subspecies was seen well in the Waikamoi Preserve.

81	Oahu Amakihi <i>Hemignathus flavus</i>	2				Endemic: Vulnerable: We found two birds high in hills above the city of Waikiki on Oahu.
82	Kauai Amakihi <i>Hemignathus kauaiensis</i>				2	Endemic: Vulnerable: Just two seen on each day we spent in the mountains of Kauai.
83	Anianiau <i>Hemignathus parvus</i>				3	Endemic: Vulnerable: A female found by Keith was seen by everyone from a lookout, and up to 3 seen including males singing by half the group in mountains of Kauai.
84	Akiapola'au <i>Hemignathus munroi</i>		2			Endemic: Endangered: In the forests of Big Island it took us 2 days and 12 hours of searching to finally secure excellent looks at this strange bird with a long decurved upper mandible and straight chisel like lower mandible. One male was seen briefly but our second female gave prolonged excellent views.
85	Akikiki <i>Oreomystis bairdi</i>				3	Endemic: Critically Endangered: After our long hike in the mountains of Kauai, those of us that undertook this quest, were highly successful with superb views of a pair of these creepers and a juvenile foraging, feeding and calling right in front of us. Excellent.
86	Hawaiian Creeper <i>Oreomystis mana</i>		3			Endemic: Endangered: Up to 3 seen well at Hakalau on the Big Island.
87	Maui Alauahio <i>Paroreomyza montana</i>			30		Endemic: Endangered: This bird was rather common and easy to see in the Waikamoi Preserve on Maui.
88	Akekee <i>Loxops caeruleirostris</i>				3	Endemic: Endangered: 2 brief sightings in the mountains of Kauai were rather frustrating, but a third sighting was superb with a male showing at eye-level just a few feet away.
89	Akepa <i>Loxops coccineus</i>		6			Endemic: Endangered: After a fair amount of searching the reserve at Hakalau on Big Island we eventually got several birds feeding in a tree allowing excellent views.
90	Iwi <i>Vestiaria coccinea</i>		50	20	4	Endemic: Near Threatened: Easily seen on 3 of the islands this species symbolises Hawaii's birds as it certainly looks unique and stunning, and is portrayed on all local bird books and postcards. Surely one of the favourite birds of the trip. Very confiding allowing superb views.
91	Akohekohe <i>Palmeria dolei</i>			2		Endemic: Critically Endangered: Just two sighting of this highly prized endemic. The first showing very well on a tree top in the Waikamoi Preserve and the later sighting a bird flew past calling loudly.
92	Apapane <i>Himatione sanguinea</i>		30	40	15	Endemic: In the right habitat this species was rather common and easy to see.
93	Saffron Finch <i>Sicalis flaveola</i>		4			Introduced: Just a few seen around town on the Big Island.
94	Red-crested Cardinal <i>Paroaria coronata</i>	4		2	4	Introduced: Very attractive and common around towns on the 3 islands we saw them.

95	Yellow-billed Cardinal <i>Paroaria capitata</i>		2			Introduced: Just a couple seen on Big Island with everyone seeing one bird well near coast.
96	Northern Cardinal <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	6	4		4	Introduced: Several seen around towns on 3 of the islands.
97	Western Meadowlark <i>Sturnella neglecta</i>				3	Introduced: Up to 3 seen on two days along roadsides as travelled through Kauai.
MAMMALS and Other Sightings						
1	Lesser Indian Mongoose <i>Herpestes auropunctatus</i>	2	2			Introduced: Singles seen on Oahu and Big Island
2	Humpback Whale <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	2	5		8	Easy to from see from any coastal lookout, with best sightings from Kilauea Point and from our pelagic trip off Kauai.
3	Rough-toothed Dolphin <i>Steno bredanensis</i>				2	Brief views as one jumped out of the water and another bow rode our boat.
4	Spinner Dolphin <i>Stenella longirostris</i>				20	Seen on two occasions from Kilauea Point good views were had of these entertaining and lively dolphins.
5	Hawaiian Monk Seal <i>Monachus schauinslandi</i>	4				Endemic: We saw 4 of these highly endangered pinnipeds on beach of small island offshore from Oahu
6	Feral Sheep/ Mouflon <i>Ovis ammon</i>		10			Introduced: Small groups were seen well in forest on Big Island but not sure if they were sheep or Mouflon. Other on Kauai.
7	Feral Goat <i>Capra hircus</i>				4	Introduced: Seen distantly on rock face on the side of Canyon on Kauai.
8	Feral Pig <i>Sus scrofa</i>		1		2	Introduced: A few seen in the Mauna Kea Reserve and many excavations in the mountains of Kauai.
9	Gold Dust Day Gecko <i>Phelsuma laticauda</i>		4			Introduced: A very attractive species seen well on the balconies of our hotel on Big Island
10	Mourning Gecko <i>Lepidodactylus lugubris</i>		1			Introduced: Seen on Big Island
11	Marine Toad <i>Bufo marinus</i>		2			Introduced: seen around hotel on Big island
12	Indo Pacific Gecko <i>Hemidactylus garnotii</i>			1		Introduced: David T saw one of these.
13	Green Anole <i>Anolis carolinensis</i>				1	Introduced: one was seen on Kauai.
14	Metallic Skink <i>Lampropholis delicata</i>				1	Introduced: Dianne found one on Kauai.
15	Japanese Wrinkled Frog <i>Glandirana rugosa</i>				4	Introduced: Several by stream at start of hike into mountains on Kauai
16	Green Sea Turtle <i>Chelonia mydas</i>				5	A group were seen in the surf off of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge on Kauai.
17	Hammerhead Shark <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>				1	A 7ft individual came up to the surface right in front of our boat on the Kauai pelagic.
18	Flying Fish <i>Exocoetidae sp</i>				10	Several were watched flying distances of 50 meters or more on our Kauai pelagic.
19	Hawaiian Darner <i>Anax strenuus</i>				1	Endemic: This huge dark dragonfly was seen during a lunch stop in the mountains of Kauai

20	Green Darner <i>Anax junius</i>	2		6	4	The most common large dragonfly on the islands
21	Globe Skimmer <i>Pantala flavescens</i>				40	Many seen on the morning of our pelagic
22	Chinese Skimmer <i>Crocothemis servilia</i>				2	Introduced: This species seen on ponds near coast on Kauai
23	Rambur's Forktail <i>Ischnura ramburii</i>				1	Introduced: Keith found this species in the mountains on Kauai.
24	Familiar Bluet <i>Enallagma civile</i>				1	Introduced: Keith found one of these in mountains on Kauai.
25	Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i>			5	4	Introduced: Several seen at various sites
26	Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>				10	Introduced: Many seen on Kauai
27	Long-tailed Pea-blue <i>Lampides boeticus</i>				8	Plenty seen alongside canal on Kauai

Please note that our checklists do not include species seen by leaders only. We also do not include single observer sightings or very poor views. We do not count heard only or subspecies, although they are noted. This we believe gives us a very honest accurate group total. With this in mind we welcome you to compare our lists with other companies, check out our high standards and above all our prices which offer the very best value for money.

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