

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

Job Description for Kīlauea Point NWR Perimeter Fence Habitat Management Volunteer Position



Qualifications

- Like getting your hands dirty
- Enjoy being outdoors
- Prefer working in the ‘background’
- Able to work in variety of weather conditions
- Have a desire to contribute to the protection and management of native Hawaiian wildlife and plant species

Duties

- Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge (KPNWR), in partnership with Pacific Rim Conservation (PRC) is looking for enthusiastic and motivated volunteers to assist with habitat management maintenance of the nearly complete predator exclusion fence. Volunteers will work alongside KPNWR and/or PRC to manage habitat along the refuge perimeter fence.

Obligations

- Must be able to work a four-hour shift which will require 2-3 hours of habitat maintenance including using hand tools (sickle, loppers, saw, etc.) and power tools (weed eaters, hedge trimmers, etc.) to clear along fence edges. All tools and gloves provided by FWS
- Hand pull weeds in seabird nesting areas, and occasionally out-planting native plants.
- Complete an introductory training and orientation program with FWS and Pacific Rim staff
- Follow refuge rules and directions of FWS and PRC staff including adhering to safety rules
- Wear closed-toed shoes and a uniform tshirt provided by FWS
- Record volunteer work hours
- Provide own water and sun & rain protection
- Use hand and power tools such as weed eaters, hedge trimmers, etc (provided by KNWRC)

Effects

- Have the opportunity to work at one of the most beautiful places on earth and access behind-the-scenes locations of the Refuge Complex
- Contribute to one of the larger ecosystem restoration projects underway within Hawai‘i
- Get to see a variety of nesting seabird species up close while under the supervision of professional wildlife biologists
- Meet other volunteers and Service personnel who share your interest in wildlife and habitat protection
- Be able to improve public understanding of Hawai‘i’s unique flora and fauna
- Realize a hands-on sense of accomplishment helping the wildlife who run into trouble with non-native species
- Gain knowledge of Kaua‘i’s Refuge Complex and its management programs
- Have the opportunity for training, such as CPR/First Aid/AED
- Contribute to enhancing staff and volunteer service on Refuge landscapes and/or with wildlife
- Enjoy a discount at the Friends of Kaua‘i Wildlife Refuges Nature Store at Kīlauea Point NWR.