• **Job Title:** Maui Rare Bird Search

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**Job Type:** volunteer position

**Opportunity location:** Haleakala - Waikamoi Preserve

**Closing date (if specified):** 15 Aug 2010

**Opportunity Description:**

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS (4) wanted for two weeks September 13-24, 2010 to conduct transect searches for Maui Parrotbill, and other endangered forest honeycreepers, in Waikamoi Preserve on Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii. Parrotbill are critically endangered, estimated at around 500 remaining individuals. Primary field duties include aiding staff from the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project with finding and GPSing locations of Maui Parrotbill and `Akohekohe and recording Maui Creeper encounters along transects. Field duties are physically challenging, working at 5,000-7,000 ft elevation, in muddy and steep rainforest conditions. Desirable Qualifications: (1) Excellent physical health (no chronic problems with knees, ankles, or back) (2) Excellent birding skills and capacity to detect birds by their vocalizations (3) Experience and comfort with wilderness hiking (4) Experience and comfort with group living. Provided Benefits: (1) Learn about Hawaiian forest bird conservation and bird ID with biologists from the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project; (2) Search and probably see one of the most endangered birds in the United States in an amazing rainforest setting; (3) Housing at our intern and volunteer cottage and in the conservation research cabin on Haleakala (4) Transport to and from the airport and into town for shopping (5) Field gear required for searches. Work schedule will include 2 full days of training and 7-8 days of searches in The Nature Conservancy’s Waikamoi Preserve with a weekend break in between for your own free time to explore Maui. Volunteers will provide their own food during their stay as well as their transport to and from Kahului, Maui. The Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project is asking for a $600 donation to help off-set costs of volunteer accommodation rental, transport, and field supplies. The donation is tax deductible. To apply please send a cover letter outlining your current physical fitness for rugged field work, your field biology experience, especially bird surveys or rare bird searches, your wilderness or back-country experience, and a recent resume to Dr. Dusti Becker: dusti@mauiforestbirds.org.

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