AMERICORPS YEAR-ROUND AVIAN CONSERVATION FIELD ASSISTANT
needed for work with the Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Project. Position will last from early October, 2012 until September, 2013. Our project focuses on a variety of work with three endemic Hawaiian songbirds, the Akikiki, Akeke’e and Puahoi that all inhabit the extremely wet, beautiful and rugged montane rainforest at located at ~4500ft on the island of Kauai. This is a rare opportunity to work on endangered tropical species in the U.S while gaining valuable research skills. The work is physically challenging, requiring a 4 to 8 mile hike to the main field camps by way of steep slopes, tangled forest and stream crossings. Daily field activities include conducting ornithological fieldwork while hiking through dense forest, in and along streams, often in rainy and chilly weather. Applicants must be able to detect birds by color-bands and sounds, physically fit and able to navigate rugged and complex terrain using GPS and maps. Experience with songbird re-sighting, behavioral observation, territory mapping, nest searching, point counts, radio-telemetry and mist-netting is strongly desired. Abundant enthusiasm for conserving Hawaii’s native species (including the ability to kill a few invasive species along the way) is essential, as are self-motivation, the ability to work well in a small team, a positive attitude, and willingness to live in a remote field camps for more than a week at a time. Careful data collection is a must, and when not in the field, office duties will include environmental education and outreach, data entry and organization, both
supervised and independent research projects, maintenance of field equipment and other work around the office.

Compensation is ~$1300/mo with limited use of project vehicles. Housing when not in the field IS NOT provided through the program. The successful applicant must provide own travel to Lihue, Kauai and have a valid drivers license.

Applications will be accepted from July 28 to August 3, 2012, ON OUR WEBSITE ONLY, and will be reviewed as they are received. The Project will review applicants and make recommendations to Americorps in early August. Required materials include a current resume, cover letter, and contact information for 3 references. Please see our website kauaiforestbirds.org for further information. Our online application form will be available on 28 July on our website.

Applicants MUST ALSO apply directly to the HYCC Year-round Americorps Program at http://www.kupuhawaii.org/hawaii-youth-conservation-corps/apply-now/year-round-program/

as soon as possible, but not later than 3 Aug.