**Rose-Ring Parakeets on Kauai**

Rose-ringed parakeets (RRP) are posing a significant threat to our community, economy, and environment.

*They have successfully invaded Kauai farms, residential communities, and natural areas.*

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**Control and Research**

Population-level control is essential to reduce RRP impacts for the long-term. Localized removal may be temporarily effective, but it risks moving parakeets to less-accessible mauka areas, which would increase the problem for the island.

A 2-year collaborative project is working to assess the best tools for Kauai and build a population management plan. Currently, innovative partnerships are combining local culling with research studies to evaluate potential methods for systematic control island-wide.

The latest results and reports are available at [www.kauaiisc.org/RRP](http://www.kauaiisc.org/RRP)

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**Kauai RRP Working Group**

- US Dept of Agriculture Wildlife Services
- US Dept of Agriculture National Wildlife Research Center
- HI State Dept of Land & Natural Resources Div of Forestry & Wildlife
- HI State Dept of Agriculture
- HI State Dept of Health
- University of Hawaii CTAHR
- Texas A&M University - Kingsville
- Hawaii Invasive Species Council
- Kauai Invasive Species Committee
- Kauai Farm Bureau
- Kauai Landscape Industry Council
- County of Kauai
- Kauai Visitors Bureau

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The first known release of pet RRP on Kauai occurred in the 1960’s. In 1982, the naturalized population had grown to 50 birds, and by 1994, exceeded 150. A survey in 2011 reported more than 2,000 RRP wild on Kauai, and by 2018 the estimate was 6,800 spread across the island.

*The population of RRP on Kauai continues to grow rapidly: abundance in 2020 is estimated at more than 10,500 birds.*
Invasive Pests in Your Community

- Cause damage to high-value edible crops including commercial orchards, croplands, lychee, longan, rambutan, papaya, lilikoi, guava, mango, tomato, citrus, vegetables, and other crops.
- Loud calls cause noise disturbance in residential and commercial areas
- Possible vectors for human disease and pathogens
- Large amounts of droppings are a health concern and degrade public and private properties

Rose-Ringed Parakeets

- Native to Asia and Africa
- Green color with long graduated tail and rounded hooked reddish bill
- Adult males have red or black neck ring
- Females and juveniles have no ring or a pale shadow of one
- Average 16 inches long including tail feathers
- Live up to 30 years
- High reproductive rate in the tropics
- Eat a variety of food including buds, flowers, fruits, seeds, nuts, and berries

You Can Help

- Please do not feed the birds
- Never release unwanted pets
- Report new roosting sites
- Report unwanted birds or damage
- Deter unwanted birds with
  - crop and tree netting
  - visual or noise deterrents
- Control with proper permit in rural areas

More info: www.kauaiisc.org/RRP