

## Hawaiian Hawk

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The Hawaiian Hawk also known as the I'o is a very interesting bird. The Hawaiian Hawk's latin name is the Buteo Solitarius. The Hawaiian Hawk females average to about 18 inches, (45.7 cm.) in length. The males average to about 16 in., (40.6 cm.) in length. They are an endangered species and is very close to becoming extinct.

Here are some interesting facts about the Hawaiian Hawk. The Hawaiian Hawk was revered as a symbol of royalty. Also the Hawaiian Hawk was thought to be a guardian spirit that watched over the elders of Hawaii. The Hawaiian Hawk is a very strong flier. They are mostly sighted at the valleys of Hilo.

The Hawaiian Hawk adapts well with agricultural habitats like papaya groves or macademia nut orchards. Since most of the lowland forests have been cut down for development, they are able to move to higher elevations with their strong wings. Their only predator is humans because they cut down trees which is the Hawaiian Hawk's habitat. The Hawaiian Hawk eats rodents, birds, and insects. The Hawaiian Hawk only lives for about 2-4 years. These are some information about the Hawaiian Hawk. I hope you thought that the Hawaiian Hawk is an awesome bird.