The Birds of the Hawaiian Islands: Occurrence, History, Distribution, and Status

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

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Among birds, Hawaii's forest birds are something of an evolutionary novelty. More than 5 million years ago, a kind of Asian finch made its way across the ocean and settled on the island chain. As volcanic activity created more islands, the ancestral finches hopped from place to place, establishing new populations that eventually diverged from their founder species over millions of years. At least 55 species of Hawaiian honeycreepers evolved, including at least one distinct species on each of the Hawaiian islands. "A lot of people say if Darwin had landed on Hawaii, he would have gott