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Have you found
an injured or sick
Nēnē?
Please call us
immediately at
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Nēnē in your
Neighborhood

About Nēnē

Nēnē, or the Hawaiian Goose, is the rarest goose found on earth and the state bird of Hawai'i. They are a threatened species and were on the brink of extinction back in the 1950's, with fewer than 30 birds left throughout the entire state.

Nēnē have made a remarkable come back thanks to conservation efforts. The population of Nēnē in Hawai'i continues to grow and the bird's have been expanding their territory.

Nēnē form monogamous pairs, which means they find a partner and mate for life. They typically nest in bushes on the ground and will lay 3 eggs. They are amazing parents and very protective of their offspring.



PC: David Dixon



PC: Alan Levine

"There's a Nēnē in my yard..."

You may start to see increased numbers of Nēnē in your neighborhood, especially if you have a luscious lawn and enticing water features- a Nēnē's two favorite things!

It is exciting to have Nēnē joining our neighborhoods. It was not that long ago that they were extremely rare to find. Enjoy them from a distance, listen to their unique calls, and watch them fly overhead.

In order to keep Nēnē safe, please do not offer food to them. Human food is not a part of their natural diet and can pose health risks to the bird.

Hō'ihi Nēnē

Please be respectful of Nēnē

Nēnē continue to be a state and federally protected endangered species- this means that is illegal to harass, harm or capture them. Relocating Nēnē is not an option because of their threatened status and due to the fact that they can fly and will come back to spots that they find enjoyable and safe.

As a homeowner, you are able to alter your home in ways that would be less appealing to Nēnē. If you have a concern with Nēnē swimming and bathing in your pool, consider putting a cover over the pool when it is not in use. Alter the plants and landscaping around your home to dissuade Nēnē from nesting next to your home (remember: it is illegal to move or destroy a Nēnē nest).

If you have further concerns, please reach out to Hawai'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife (808) 587-0166 dlnr@hawaii.gov