



Fishing Line Entanglement

Entanglement is a common problem for wildlife in Hawai'i. Whether a bird gets snagged on an active fishing line while flying, or becomes entangled while walking around on the beach, it is crucial that the bird gets help as soon as possible.

Prevent Secondary Injuries

If you find a bird entangled in fishing line, please DO NOT remove the line or any hooks. We understand that your initial instinct is to help the bird and to set it free. A bird can sustain major injuries after coming in contact with a hook or being wrapped up in fishing line. Without proper training, removing the gear can often cause more damage.

Call Us!

Please call immediately if you find a bird entangled in fishing gear. Our trained wildlife staff will talk you through the process of handling and containing the bird. We will direct you to transport the bird to HWC or our nearest partners to receive medical attention. Can't transport the bird? No worries! We have our Wheels for Wildlife transport volunteers on Hawai'i Island, O'ahu, and Maui to help!

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