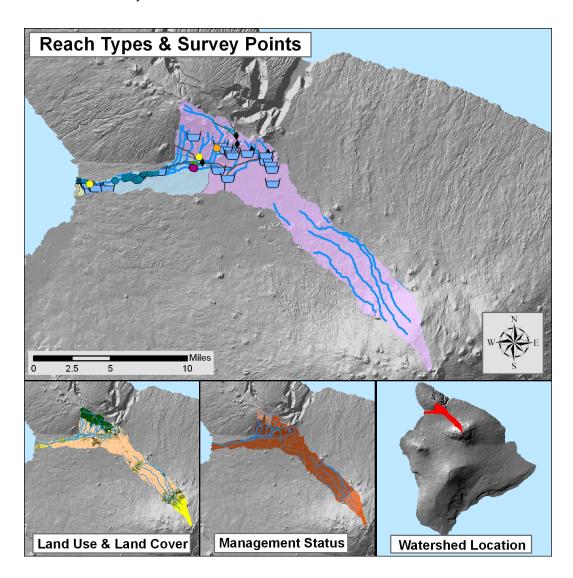
# Wai'ula'ula, Hawai'i



### WATERSHED FEATURES

Wai'ula watershed occurs on the island of Hawai'i. The Hawaiian meaning of the name is unknown. The area of the watershed is 74.3 square mi (192.4 square km), with maximum elevation of 13609 ft (4148 m). The watershed's DAR cluster code is not yet determined. The percent of the watershed in the different land use districts is as follows: 74.3% agricultural, 20.5% conservation, 0.1% rural, and 5.1% urban.

Land Stewardship: Percentage of the land in the watershed managed or controlled by the corresponding agency or entity. Note that this is not necessarily ownership.

<u>Military</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>OHA</u>	<u>County</u>	Nature Conservancy	Other Private
0.0	0.0	32.2	14.6	0.0	0.0	53.2

# Land Management Status: Percentage of the watershed in the categories of biodiversity protection and management created by the Hawaii GAP program.

Permanent Biodiversity	Managed for Multiple	Protected but	
<u>Protection</u>	<u>Uses</u>	<u>Unmanaged</u>	<u>Unprotected</u>
0.0	4.3	14.7	81.0

# Land Use: Areas of the various categories of land use. These data are based on NOAA C-CAP remote sensing project.

	Percent	Square mi	Square km
High Intensity Developed	0.7	0.51	1.31
Low Intensity Developed	2.7	2.00	5.19
Cultivated	0.7	0.50	1.31
Grassland	66.3	49.26	127.58
Scrub/Shrub	5.9	4.37	11.32
Evergreen Forest	15.2	11.26	29.15
Palustrine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Scrub/Shrub	0.0	0.00	0.00
Palustrine Emergent	0.0	0.00	0.00
Estuarine Forested	0.0	0.00	0.00
Bare Land	8.5	6.34	16.41
Unconsolidated Shoreline	0.0	0.00	0.00
Water	0.1	0.06	0.16
Unclassified	0.0	0.00	0.00

### **STREAM FEATURES**

Wai'ula'ula is a perennial stream. Total stream length is 95.5 mi (153.8 km). The terminal stream order is 3.

# Reach Type Percentages: The percentage of the stream's channel length in each of the reach type categories.

<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Headwaters</u>
0.0	0.4	3.0	21.0	75.6

The following stream(s) occur in the watershed:

Hale'aha	Hāloa	Keanu'i'omanō	Kohākōhau	Kuupahaa
Lamimaumau	Lanikepu	Mamaewa	Momoualoa	'O'olāmakapehu
'Ōuli	Wai'aka	Waikōloa	Wai'ula'ula	

### **BIOTIC SAMPLING EFFORT**

Biotic samples were gathered in the following year(s):

1968	1990	1992	1994	1999	2000	2001
1000	1000	1002	1007	1000	2000	2001

# Distribution of Biotic Sampling: The number of survey locations that were sampled in the various reach types.

Survey type	<u>Estuary</u>	Lower	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Upper</u>	<u>Headwaters</u>
Damselfly Surveys	0	0	1	0	1
DAR Point Quadrat	0	26	41	129	0
HDFG	0	0	0	0	1
Microhabitat Survey	0	0	0	24	0
Published Report	0	0	0	1	0

### **BIOTA INFORMATION**

### **Species List**

Native Species Native Species

CrustaceansMacrobrachium grandimanusInsectsAnax juniusFishAwaous guamensisAnax strenuus

Lentipes concolor Chironomus hawaiiensis

Sicyopterus stimpsoni Megalagrion sp.

Worms Myzobdella lugubris Orthocladius grimshawi

Scatella clavipes Scatella sp.

### Introduced Species Introduced Species

**Amphibians** Bufo marinus Insects Cricotopus bicinctus Rana catesbiana Crocothemis servilia Ranid sp. Enallagma civile **Bryozoans** Plumatella repens Ischnura posita Crustaceans Macrobrachium lar Ischnura ramburi Fish Gambusia affinis Orthemis ferruginea Misgurnus anguillicaudatus Pantala flavescens Poecilia reticulata Rhantus gutticollis

Poeciliid sp.

Worms Camallanus cotti

### Species Size Data: Species size (inches) observed in DAR Point Quadrat Surveys.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	Minimum Size	Maximum Size	Average Size
Bufo marinus	Introduced	0.5	4	0.9
Rana catesbiana	Introduced	5	5	5.0
Ranid sp.	Introduced	0.5	0.75	0.5
Plumatella repens	Introduced	0.75	0.75	0.8
Macrobrachium grandimanus	Endemic	0.5	2	1.2
Macrobrachium lar	Introduced	1	4	2.2
Lentipes concolor	Endemic	1.5	3.5	2.2
Sicyopterus stimpsoni	Endemic	2.25	5	3.5
Awaous guamensis	Indigenous	1	7	2.4
Gambusia affinis	Introduced	0.5	2	0.9

Misgurnus anguillicaudatus	Introduced	2	6	3.4
Poecilia reticulata	Introduced	0.5	2	0.9
Poeciliid sp.	Introduced	0.5	2	1.0
Anax strenuus	Endemic	0.75	1	0.9
Megalagrion sp.	Endemic	0.75	0.75	0.8

# Average Density: The densities (#/square yard) for species observed in DAR Point Quadrat Surveys averaged over all sample dates in each reach type.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	<b>Estuary</b>	<u>Low</u>	Mid	Upper Headwaters
Anax strenuus	Endemic				0.06
Lentipes concolor	Endemic				0.88
Sicyopterus stimpsoni	Endemic		0.19	0.06	
Awaous guamensis	Indigenous		1.32	0.41	0.74
Bufo marinus	Introduced		1.51	0.18	0.03
Gambusia affinis	Introduced		13.1	0.09	1.74
Macrobrachium lar	Introduced		1.13	0.18	0.12
Misgurnus anguillicaudatus	Introduced			0.03	0.38
Poecilia reticulata	Introduced		0.57		
Poeciliid sp.	Introduced		5.65	0.03	0.32
Ranid sp.	Introduced		9.42		

## Species Distributions: Presence (P) of species in different stream reaches.

Scientific Name	<u>Status</u>	<u>Estuary</u>	<u>Lower</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Upper</u> <u>Headwaters</u>
Macrobrachium grandimanus	Endemic		Р		
Lentipes concolor	Endemic				Р
Sicyopterus stimpsoni	Endemic		Р	Р	Р
Anax strenuus	Endemic				Р
Chironomus hawaiiensis	Endemic				Р
Megalagrion sp.	Endemic			Р	Р
Orthocladius grimshawi	Endemic				Р
Scatella clavipes	Endemic				Р
Awaous guamensis	Indigenous		Р	Р	Р
Anax junius	Indigenous				Р
Scatella sp.	Indigenous				Р
Bufo marinus	Introduced		Р	Р	Р
Rana catesbiana	Introduced				Р
Ranid sp.	Introduced		Р		
Plumatella repens	Introduced			Р	
Macrobrachium lar	Introduced		Р	Р	Р
Gambusia affinis	Introduced		Р	Р	Р
Misgurnus anguillicaudatus	Introduced			Р	Р
Poecilia reticulata	Introduced		Р		Р
Poeciliid sp.	Introduced		Р	Р	Р

Cricotopus bicinctus	Introduced	Р	
Crocothemis servilia	Introduced	Р	
Enallagma civile	Introduced	P P	
Ischnura posita	Introduced		Р
Ischnura ramburi	Introduced	Р	
Orthemis ferruginea	Introduced	Р	
Pantala flavescens	Introduced	Р	
Rhantus gutticollis	Introduced	Р	

### HISTORIC RANKINGS

Historic Rankings: These are rankings of streams from historical studies. "Yes" means the stream was considered worthy of protection by that method. Some methods include non-biotic data in their determination. See Atlas Key for details.

Multi-Attribute Prioritization of Streams - Potential Heritage Streams (1998): No Hawaii Stream Assessment Rank (1990): not ranked U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service High Quality Stream (1988): No The Nature Conservancy- Priority Aquatic Sites (1985): No National Park Service - Nationwide Rivers Inventory (1982): No

Current DAR Decision Rule Status: The following criteria are used by DAR to consider the biotic importance of streams. "Yes" means that watershed has that quality.

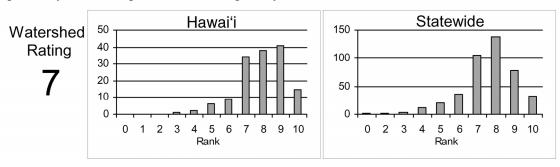
Native Insect Diversity > 19 spp.	Native Macrofauna <u>Diversity &gt; 5 spp.</u>	Absence of Priority 1 <u>Introduced</u>
No	No	No
Abundance of Any <a href="Mattive Species">Native Species</a>	Presence of Candidate Endangered Species	Endangered Newcomb's <u>Snail Habitat</u>
No	No	No

#### **CURRENT WATERSHED AND STREAM RATINGS**

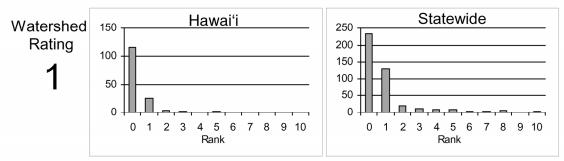
The current watershed and stream ratings are based on the data contained in the DAR Aquatic Surveys Database. The ratings provide the score for the individual watershed or stream, the distribution of ratings for that island, and the distribution of ratings statewide. This allows a better understanding of the meaning of a particular ranking and how it compares to other streams. The ratings are standardized to range from 0 to 10 (0 is lowest and 10 is highest rating) for each variable and the totals are also standardized so that the rating is not the average of each component rating. These ratings are subject to change as more data are entered into the DAR Aquatic Surveys Database and can be automatically recalculated as the data improve. In addition to the ratings, we have also provided an estimate of the confidence level of the ratings. This is called rating strength. The higher the rating strength the more likely the data and rankings represent the actual condition of the watershed, stream, and aquatic biota.

# WATERSHED RATING: Wai'ula'ula, Hawai'i

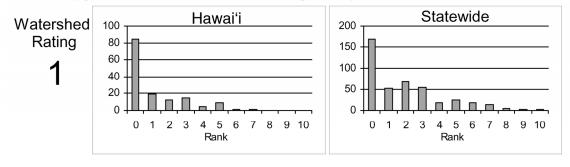
<u>Land Cover Rating</u>: Rating is based on a scoring system where in general forested lands score positively and developed lands score negatively.



<u>Shallow Waters Rating</u>: Rating is based on a combination of the extent of estuarine and shallow marine areas associated with the watershed and stream.



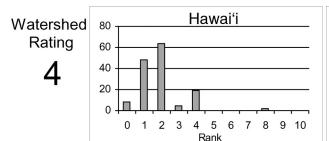
<u>Stewardship Rating</u>: Rating is based on a scoring system where higher levels of land and biodiversity protection within the watershed score positively.

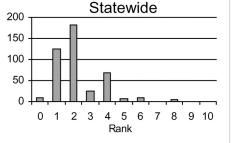


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## WATERSHED RATING (Cont): Wai'ula'ula, Hawai'i

<u>Size Rating</u>: Rating is based on the watershed area and total stream length. Larger watersheds and streams score more positively.

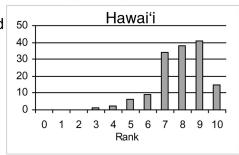


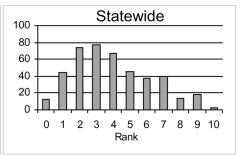


<u>Wetness Rating</u>: Rating is based on the average annual rainfall within the watershed. Higher rainfall totals score more positively.

Watershed Rating

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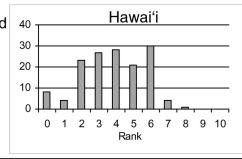


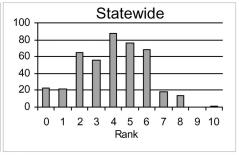


<u>Reach Diversity Rating</u>: Rating is based on the types and amounts of different stream reaches available in the watershed. More area in different reach types score more positively.

Watershed Rating

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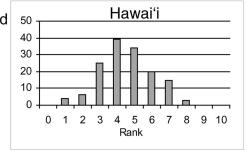


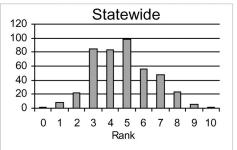


<u>Total Watershed Rating</u>: Rating is based on combination of <u>Land Cover Rating</u>, <u>Shallow</u> <u>Waters Rating</u>, <u>Stewardship Rating</u>, <u>Size Rating</u>, <u>Wetness Rating</u>, and <u>Reach Diversity Rating</u>.

Watershed Rating

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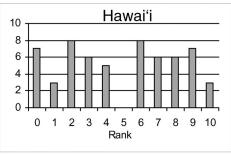


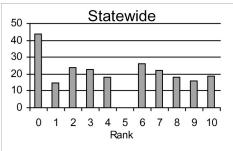
## BIOLOGICAL RATING: Wai'ula'ula, Hawai'i

<u>Native Species Rating</u>: Rating is based on the number of native species observed in the watershed.

Stream Rating

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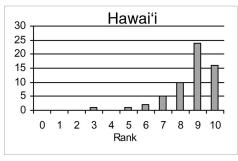


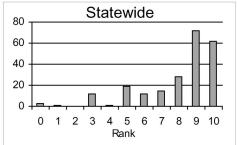


<u>Introduced Genera Rating</u>: Rating is based on the number of introduced genera observed in the watershed.

Stream Rating

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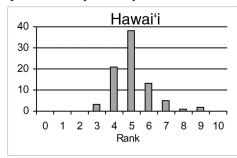


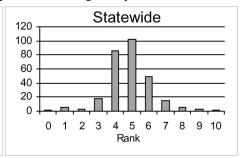


<u>All Species' Score Rating:</u> Rating is based on the Hawaii Stream Assessment scoring system where native species score positively and introduced species score negatively.

Stream Rating

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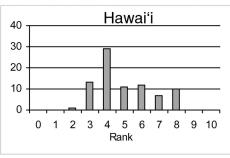


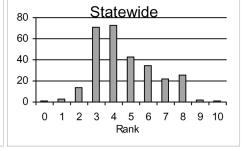


<u>Total Biological Rating</u>: Rating is the combination of the <u>Native Species Rating</u>, <u>Introduced Genera Rating</u>, and the <u>All Species' Score Rating</u>.

Stream Rating

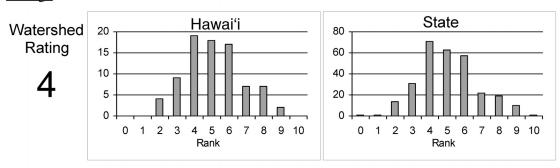
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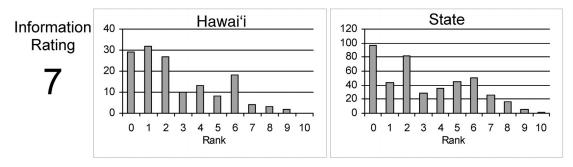
## OVERALL RATING: Wai'ula'ula, Hawai'i

Overall Rating: Rating is a combination of the <u>Total Watershed Rating</u> and the <u>Total Biological</u> Rating.



### RATING STRENGTH: Wai'ula'ula, Hawai'i

<u>Rating Strength:</u> Represents an estimate of the overall study effort in the stream and is a combination of the number of studies, number of different reaches surveyed, and the number of different survey types.



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