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Common in forests over 3,300 ft 1,000 m on Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Oahu, rare or extinct on Molokai and Lanai. The 'I'iwi or Scarlet Hawaiian Honeycreeper *Vestiaria coccinea* is a Hawaiian in the subfamily, Drepanidinae, and the only member of the genus *Vestiaria*.

Hawaiian honeycreeper

Population had declined to about 100 individuals in 1923, but diet of carrion and seabird eggs helped them to survive. Their results favor the hypothesis that low elevation populations of amakihi survived the introduction of avian malaria and its vector, either in multiple remnant populations or in a large and diverse population, and have since recolonized areas of their historical range. The 'I'iwi's feathers were highly prized by Hawaiian ali'i nobility for use in decorating 'ahu'ula capes and mahiole helmets, and such uses gave the species its scientific name: *vestiaria*, which comes from the Latin for clothing, and *coccinea* means scarlet-colored.

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As of 2001, only three individuals two females and one male, are known.

Hawaiian Honeycreeper lineage Drpanidini

Weir BS, Cockerham CC: Estimating F-statistics for the analysis of population structure.

Genetic structure along an elevational gradient in Hawaiian honeycreepers reveals contrasting evolutionary responses to avian malaria

The 'I'iwi is the third most common native land bird in the Hawaiian Islands.

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Another threat has been the spread of introduced diseases, particularly avian malaria *Plasmodium relictum*, which is spread by mosquitoes.

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