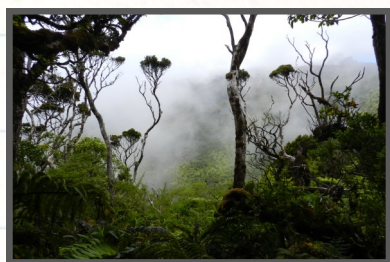
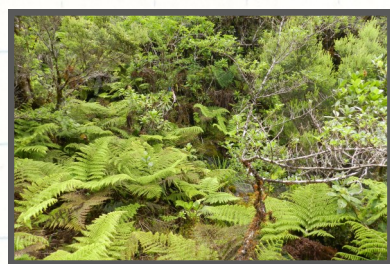


Midseason Field Report



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The 2013 MFBRP Kiwikiu field season seems to be flying by (pun intended)! We just passed the half-way point and we have collected lots of great data already. We have banded 8 new Kiwikiu so far this year and together with the banded birds continuing from previous years, the majority of pairs observed this year have at least one banded individual between them. This means that most pairs are identifiable in the field, one of our main goals each year. This allows us to get to know individual pairs and collect valuable behavioral and reproductive data from them (not to mention funny individual quirks!).



The weather in TNC's Waikamoi Preserve this year has been beautiful and has been sunny and warm most days. So far this year we have found 3 Kiwikiu nests (!), two of which have failed and one is still incubating. However, despite the drier weather, reproductive success in Waikamoi has been slow to reveal itself with only a single pair having been observed with a hatch-year so far. At this point this fact is simply intriguing and may not indicate low reproductive success as a whole. This could change in the next few weeks!

We still have two more weeks of the regular field season to go as we continue to see how the 2013 Kiwikiu story unfolds. Thank you to all our supporters. We feel privileged to be supported by so many people out there. You all make it possible for us to do what we can to ensure that Maui's native forest and its feathered denizens continue to persist for generations to come.