## **KBCC Discovery Forest Expanded to Eight Acres**

An additional four acres has been cleared and planted with native seedling at the Keauhou Bird Conservation Center (KBCC) Discovery Forest this year; bringing the total number of acres restored to eight acres. In addition to restoring native forest habitat, the Discovery Forest project is providing youth with a forest stewardship learning experience as well as fruit and perching limbs for the birds in captivity. To date, KBCC caretaker Iwikau'ikaua (Iwi) Joaquin has engaged 730 volunteers in outplanting 3,080 native seedlings, which will benefit the Hawaiian birds in captivity and in the wild. Outplanted species include koa, Māmane, Maile, 'Ōhi'a,



species include koa, Māmane, Maile, 'Ōhi'a, Iwi Joaquin plants a seedling with Volcano School of Pa'iniu, 'Ōhelo, Kawa'u, Kōlea, Olapa, and Pilo. Arts and Sciences student. 11-16-2015.

The Hawai'i Forest Institute (HFI) has received funding for the project from Friends of Hawaii Charities, American Forests Global ReLeaf Program, Bill Healy Foundation, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, and DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife's Forest Stewardship Program.

The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Forest Stewardship Committee recently approved the 10-year management plan, which calls for the restoration of 40 acres over 10 years.

The KBCC is located near Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Hawai'i Island. The land is owned by Kamehameha Schools and leased to KBCC, which is part of the Hawaii Endangered Bird Conservation Program, a partnership between the San Diego Zoo Global Institute for Conservation Research, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and DOFAW.

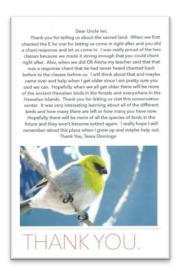




Left: Iwi addresses Kamehameha Schools students prior to planting 10-14-2015. Right: Kona Historical Society member plants seedling. 4-24-2015.







Sampling of Maryknoll Elementary 5th grade student work after visiting KBCC Discovery Forest. 2-12-15