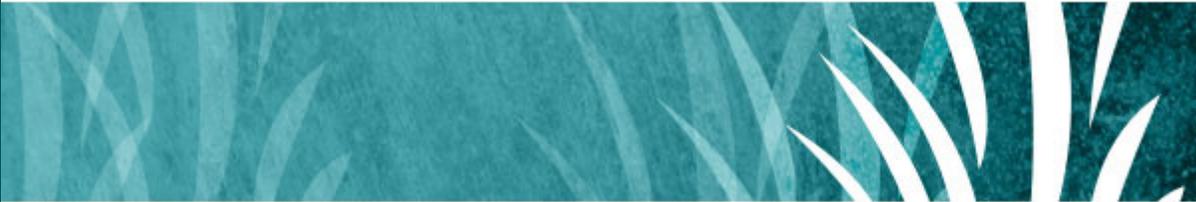




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## Your Sept. Patient Update: It's Wedgie Time!

The winter months usually mean one thing for us, a substantial increase in the amount of Wedge-tailed Shearwater cases that we see. This is due to what is called "seabird fallout", when young seabirds taking their first flights out to sea head towards urban lights instead of the light of the moon. Check out this [short video](#) to learn more!

Though we have not had to respond to any fallout birds yet, we currently have three Wedge-tailed Shearwaters in care that came to us for other reasons. 19-91 and 19-100 have been in care for a few weeks and 19-110 just arrived today. It's neat to compare the three because they are all in different stages of development.

19-91 is from Oahu. It arrived with lesions on its feet that might have been due to ants. Despite its injuries, it's quite feisty!



19-100 is from Oahu. This bird has a fractured beak tip and a back injury, possibly from a collision.



19-110 just arrived today from Maui. Its burrow got washed out so it will need to complete its growth with us here.



In these next few months, please keep an eye out for downed seabirds. HWC will also have personnel on Oahu as part of our Oahu Seabird Aid program from mid-November to mid-December.

# Seabird Fallout Contacts

**O'ahu**  
DOFAW: (808) 973-9786  
**Hawai'i Wildlife Center personnel will be on O'ahu for peak season, Nov. 18 - Dec. 13. (808) 884-5000**

**Hawai'i Island**  
Hawai'i Wildlife Center (808) 884-5000  
DOFAW (East HI): (808) 974-4221  
DOFAW (West HI): (808) 887-6063

**Kaua'i**  
Save our Shearwaters (808) 635-5117  
DOFAW: (808) 274-3433

**Maui Nui**  
Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project: (808) 280-4114  
DOFAW: (808) 984-8100

**Lāna'i**  
DOFAW: (808) 565-7916

**Moloka'i**  
DOFAW: (808) 553-1745

For full contact list, visit  
<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wildlife/downed-wildlife-contact-details/>

Know your seabirds in 2 easy steps!

① tube nose →

② Webbed feet →



## Want to help?

If you would like to support the care of these wedgie patients, here are some gift levels that would really make a difference!

\$25 provides clean laundry for a week

\$50 provides fish & slurry for a week

\$100 maintains the conditioning pool

[Choose your own gift amount](#)

**Mahalo nui for your support!**





## Two Easy Ways You Can Protect Wedgies

**Reduce light attraction** - turn off outdoor lights if you don't need them. Shielding lights and pointing light sources directly downwards will also help reduce light attraction.

**Respond quickly** - once downed, seabirds are vulnerable to predation, getting hit by cars, dehydration, and more. If you find a downed bird, call for response help right away.



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