

ENDANGERED SPECIES BOOKMARKS

Hawaiian Stilt or Ae'o

*(Himantopus mexicanus
knudseni)*



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**Protected at
Ukumehame
Firing Range and
Kekaha WETS
(both in Hawaii)**

Habitat: Marshes, mudflats and shallow, brackish water ponds on most major islands in the Hawaiian chain.

Grows to about 16 inches in length.

Looks like it is walking on stilts because of its long, thin, bright pink legs.

Parents will pretend they have a broken wing to attract predators away from their young in nests.

Eats small fish, crabs, worms, water insects, and water plants.

Listed as endangered on October 13, 1970.

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