

HAWAIIAN HONEYCREEPER

At some earlier time, American finches migrated to the Hawaiian Islands. Gradually, in accordance with variation ranges already in its DNA, this species of bird produced a variety of sub-species to fill various empty ecological niches. Eventually 22 sub-species were formed, of which 8 are now extinct. Illustrated below are the surviving 14. The bills are adapted to everything from nectar-sipping and nut-cracking to grubbing beetles from trees.

