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### **Biography**

Ronald L. Walker retired in 2003 having served in Hawaii as a wildlife biologist, manager and administrator with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources for 37 years and as a fish and wildlife biologist with the Refuges and Ecological Services offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services for 8 years. His interest in Hawaii's wildlife began as a Hilo High student, counting pheasants for the State on horseback during the summer and hunting sheep on Mauna Kea on weekends. He is graduate of Oregon State University and the U.S. Naval Communications School in Washington D.C. In the 1970s he led the Hawaiian Waterbirds Recovery Team, which produced the first waterbird recovery plan. His work experience includes coordinating programs for public hunting, federal grants-in-aid, capital improvements, land acquisition, information and education, and endangered species restoration. In his early years he lead the mouflon/feral sheep hybridization project on Mauna Kea and State-wide game bird introduction program. He has worked in wetland planning, research and management covering most of the main Hawaiian Islands and joined biological surveys of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands in the 1960s. He is on the board of directors of the Hawaii Audubon Society, Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi, and Hawaii Botanical Society. He is an active volunteer with the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Kaelepulu Wetland Sanctuary, Na Ala Hele, Hawaii Nature Center, Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve, State Division of Forestry and Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He does graphic illustration work as a home business: Hawaiian Bio-Graphics. He has lived in Kaneohe for 40 years.

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