Evolution of Life on Pacific Islands and Reefs, Post-Conference Field Trip
Natural History of Kaua`i
May 30-31, 2011

Description
This two-day excursion, beginning mid-morning on Monday, May 30, provides a chance to see some of the highlights of Kaua`i’s remarkable natural history, including the richest fossil and archaeological site in the archipelago, as well as the gardens, restorations, and research facilities of the National Tropical Botanical Garden and the excellent birding at Kilauea Point and Hanalei National Wildlife Refuges. Leader: David Burney, Director of Conservation, National Tropical Botanical Garden.

Itinerary
Day 1: 10:00-14:00 – Makauwahi Cave Reserve: See excavations, cave features, and large-scale restoration projects, lunch at Maha`ulepu Beach.
14:00-18:00 – NTBG south shore gardens and facilities: Tour Botanical Research Center, McBryde Garden, Conservation and Horticulture Center, and Allerton Garden.
Lodging – NTBG facilities, Kalaheo.

Day 2: 08:00-11:00 -- Travel to north shore: Stops at Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge and Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge to view native seabirds, waterfowl, and wading birds. Lunch in Hanalei.
12:00-17:00 – Limahuli Garden and Lower Limahuli Preserve: Tour ethnobotanical and native plant collections at Limahuli, hike to Lower Limahuli Preserve to see restoration projects and 800-foot waterfall. Lodging – NTBG Facilities, Kalaheo.

Cost: $275 includes two nights lodging (shared room, May 30, 31), transportation to and from airport and all field trips, breakfast (continental), lunches (2 days), and guidebook. Not included -- evening meals. Extra nights’ lodging available @ $60 per night.

Optional Extra Day
Interested participants are invited to stay an extra day in order to explore Koke`e State Park, Waimea Canyon, and/or Alaka`i Swamp on your own or with NTBG staffers if available. Alternatively, visitors may want to book a trip to view the Napali Coast, Ni`ihau, and Lehua Islet via Holoholo Catamaran, or tour the Nu`alolo Kai archaeological site and view the Napali Coast via one of the licensed zodiac tours. Contact dburney@ntbg.org for more information.

Reservations
Reservations can be made through Friday, April 15, 2011 as part of the online registration process http://botany.si.edu/events/2011_pacific/register.htm. Contact Nancy Khan at khanna@si.edu if you have any questions regarding your reservation. No refunds will be issued unless the space can be filled from the waiting list which will be kept after the trip has reached maximum capacity. If the minimum enrollment is not met by the registration deadline the trip may be cancelled, registrants notified, and full refunds issued. Maximum participants: 20; minimum participants: 10.