

# See, Touch and Hear

Meet the park ranger at the Kilauea Visitor Center

Pre School

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

45 minutes



‘Ōhi‘a Lehua-Hāpu‘u Rainforest

Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park has special things to see and touch. It is a beautiful place to discover special plants and animals by using your senses.

**Essential Question:** Why is Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park such a special place to visit?

## **Photo Analysis**



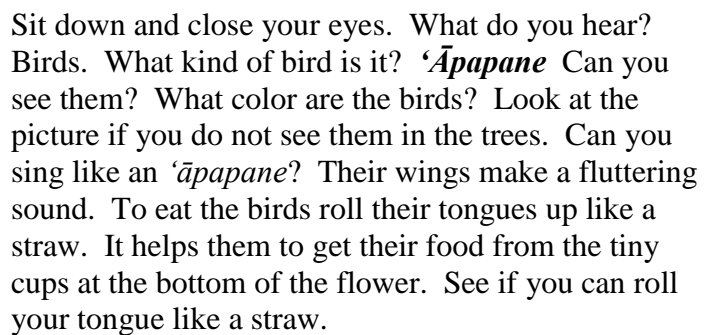
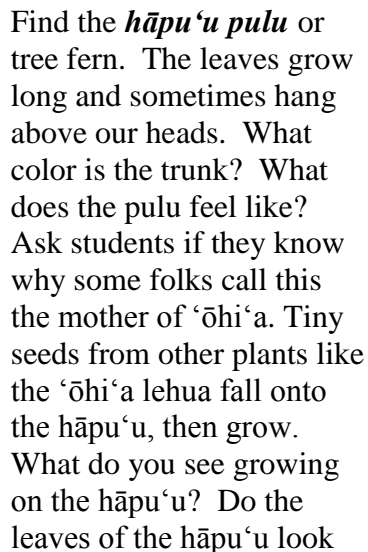
**What do you see?**  
(Flowers, leaves)

**What colors do you see?**  
(Red, green)

**What is the name of this tree?**  
(‘Ōhi‘a lehua)

Ask students if they know why Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a special place. Take a short walk between Kīlauea Visitor Center and the pā hula to discover two special plants.

Find an ‘*ōhi‘a lehua* tree to see and touch. What color are the leaves and flowers? Feel the trunk of the tree. How does it feel (bumpy, smooth, cold, hard)? Look for a leaf from the ‘*ōhiā lehua* tree. What shape is your leaf?



Song: A Special Place to Be  
By: Katherine Dambley

**Closing:** Review with students why Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is a special place to visit.