



Galapagos Mockingbird (*Nesomimus parvulus*) on **Poison Apple Tree** (*Hippomane mancinella*). Mockingbirds, or mocking-thrushes, as Darwin called them, first drew the great naturalist's attention to the strange diversity of species within the archipelago. The Galapagos mockingbird has a gray-and-white head with black eye patch, white,

gray and brown feathers, and black feet and beak. Like other mockingbirds in the Galapagos, it is very curious, and unafraid of people. The poison apple is a common tree in the drier areas of the islands. It is highly toxic to most creatures.