

Native Plants

Select a native plant that suits your yard

Plants that arrived and survived in Hawaii prior to human contact are considered to be native. These plants traveled to Hawaii without the help of people by three methods: Wind, Water and Wings (birds- inside or outside). Many native Hawaiian plants are beautiful, easy to grow and are now available for purchase through local nurseries. The table below list some of the more common native plants that are suitable for most landscapes. *Native Plant photos by Amy Tsuneyoshi, HBWS.*

GROUNDCOVER				
Plant name	Habitat	Height	Spread	Water requirement
'Ae'ae <i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	Thrives in moist areas	2-4 inches	1-4 feet	Moderate to Heavy
'Ākulikuli <i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	2-5 feet	1-2 feet	Light
Hinahina <i>Heliotropium anomalum</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	2-6 inches	2-4 feet	Moderate
Tiima papa <i>Sida fallax</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	2-8 inches	3-4 feet	Moderate
Nanea <i>Vigna marina</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	6-8 inches	4-8 feet	Moderate
Pā'ūohi'iaka <i>Jacquemontia ovalifolia</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	2-4 feet	3-5 feet	Moderate
Pōhinahina <i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>	Thrives in sandy soils	0.5-4 feet	3-6 feet	Moderate



HERBACEOUS PLANTS				
Plant name	Habitat	Height	Spread	Water requirement
* Alula <i>Brighamia insignis</i> or <i>rockii</i>	Thrives in well drained soils	3-6 feet	3 feet	Light
Ko'oko'olau <i>Bidens torta</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	4-10 feet	8 feet	Light to Moderate
* Naupaka (Dwarf) <i>Scaevola coriacea</i>	Thrives in well drained soils	1-2 feet	4 feet	Light
Pia <i>Tacca leontopetaloides</i>	Thrives in various habitats	4-6 feet	6 feet	Light to Moderate
Pua kala, Hawaiian Poppy <i>Argemone glauca</i>	Thrives in well drained soils	3-6 feet	4 feet	Light
'Uki'uki <i>Dianella sandwicensis</i>	Thrives in various habitats	2-8 feet	6 feet	Moderate



* These Endangered Plants MUST have a tag detailing that it was legally cultivated for sale and not poached from the native forest.

Additional Resources:

www.boardofwatersupply.com

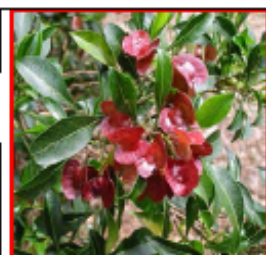
<http://mauiwater.org/plantingplan.html>

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SHRUB				
Plant name	Habitat	Height	Spread	Water requirement
'Anapanapa <i>Colubrina asiatica</i>	Tolerates dry areas	4-8 feet	8 feet	Light to Moderate
* Ko'oloa'ula <i>Abutilon menziesii</i>	Tolerates dry areas	3-6 feet	2-4 feet	Light
Kulu'i <i>Nototrichium sp.</i>	Tolerates dry areas	3-6 feet	8 feet	Light to Moderate
Maiapilo <i>Capparis sandwichiana</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	3-5 feet	3-5 feet	Moderate
Ma'o <i>Gossypium tomentosum</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	2-6 feet	11 feet	Light to Moderate
* Ma'o Hau Hele <i>Hibiscus brackenridgei</i>	Tolerates dry areas	4-11 feet	8 feet	Light to Moderate
'Ūlei <i>Osteomeles anthyllidifolia</i>	Thrives in various habitats	4-10 feet	4-6 feet	Light to Moderate



SHRUB-TREE				
Plant name	Habitat	Height	Spread	Water requirement
'A'ali'i <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Thrives in dry and coastal areas	8-31 feet	8-15 feet	Light to Moderate
Alahe'e <i>Psychdrax odoratum</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	11-57 feet	10-23 feet	Moderate
* Koki'o ke'oke'o <i>Hibiscus arnottianus</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	6-30 feet	19 feet	Moderate
* Nānū <i>Gardenia brighamii</i>	Thrives in dry areas	15-25 feet	11 feet	Moderate
Pāpala <i>Charpentiera sp</i>	Thrives in shady moist areas	17-23 feet	11 feet	Moderate
Pāpala kēpau <i>Pisonia sp</i>	Thrives in shady moist areas	15-30 feet	19 feet	Moderate



TREE				
Plant name	Habitat	Height	Spread	Water requirement
Kōpiko <i>Psychotria sp</i>	Thrives in mesic areas	15-25 feet	23 feet	Moderate
Lama <i>Diospyros sandwichensis</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	8-57 feet	23 feet	Light to Moderate
Lonomea <i>Sapindus oahuensis</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	23-57 feet	38 feet	Moderate
Loulu <i>Pritchardia sp</i>	Tolerates salt, wind, drought	11-61 feet	15 feet	Moderate
Olopua <i>Nestegis sandwichensis</i>	Thrives in dry to mesic areas	31-50 feet	23 feet	Moderate
'Ōhi'a <i>Metrosideros polymorpha</i>	Thrives in a variety of areas	11-57 feet	15 feet	Moderate

