



'POHAKA LA HAWAII'—THE HAWAIIAN SUNBEAM PROTEA

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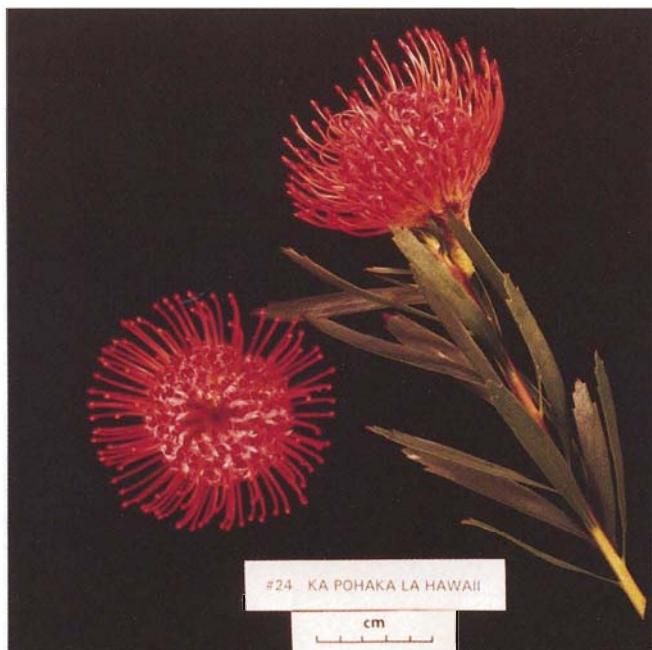


Fig. 1. 'Pohaka La Hawaii', Hawaiian sunbeam protea.



Fig. 2. 'Pohaka La Hawaii' plant in bloom.

'Pohaka La Hawaii', or Hawaiian sunbeam, is a hybrid sunburst protea with bright red flowers resembling the sunrise.

Origin

'Pohaka La Hawaii' is one of the first hybrids between *L. lineare* and *L. glabrum*. *L. lineare* was used for its earliness, long stems, and small, slender leaves, while *L. glabrum* was chosen for its bright red ribbons and styles. 'Pohaka La Hawaii' was selected in 1982 at the Kula experimental farm and designated Hybrid No. 24. Plants were propagated by cuttings for testing at various locations in 1984.

Description

Flowers of 'Pohaka La Hawaii' are bright red

with scarlet ribbons and red styles. Flower diameters range from 9.5 to 10.4 cm. Major flowering occurs in December and January. Old flowers are durable and can be used for leis.

Stem length averages 49 cm, and the bright green leaves are 9.3 cm long and 1.1 cm wide.

Plants are very vigorous and highly productive, and they appear to be tolerant to botrytis blight.

Availability

Cuttings are available in limited quantities from protea nurseries in Hawaii and from the Protea Association of Hawaii, P.O. Box 425, Kula, HI 96790.