

FLOWER



'MAHINA HAWAII'—THE HAWAIIAN MOON PROTEA

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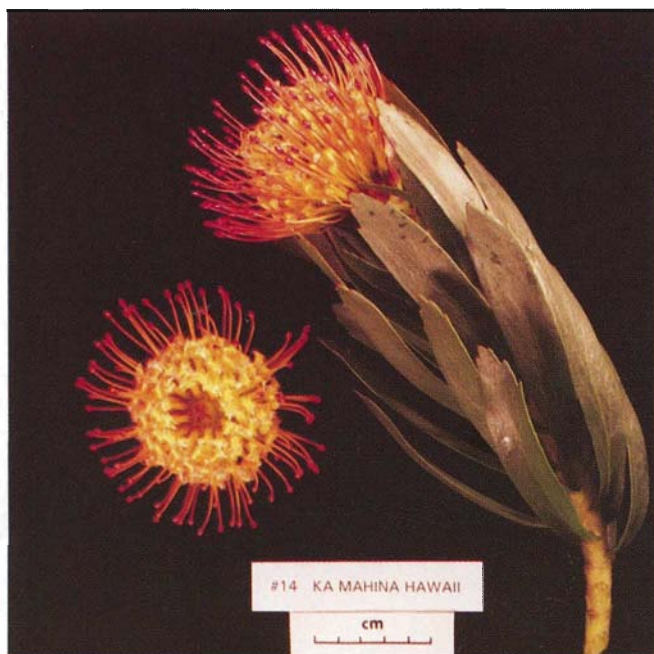


Fig. 1. 'Mahina Hawaii', Hawaiian moon protea.



Fig. 2. 'Mahina Hawaii' plant in bloom.

'Mahina Hawaii' was named for the spectacular Hawaiian moonrise; mahina means "moon." The flower has a bright yellow center with radiating salmon styles.

Origin

'Mahina Hawaii' is a seedling from a cross using *L. lineare* × *L. cordifolium* (Hybrid No. 3) as the female parent and introducing pollen from *L. conocarpodendron* as the male parent. *L. lineare* was used for its earliness, long stems, and small, slender leaves. *L. cordifolium* was used for its large flowers and *L. conocarpodendron* for its bright yellow flowers. 'Mahina Hawaii' was selected in 1982 at the Kula experimental farm and designated Hybrid No. 14. Plants were propagated by cuttings for testing at various locations in 1984.

Description

'Mahina Hawaii' is a very attractive yellow-orange sunburst with bright yellow ribbons and pink styles. Flower diameter ranges from 10.0 to 11.3 cm. Peak flowering occurs in January and February.

Stems average 60 cm long. The bright green leaves range from 6.5 to 8.0 cm in length and from 1.3 to 1.5 cm in width.

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.