Expanding Tree Diversity in Hawai‘i’s Landscapes: Alahe‘e, *Psydrax odorata*

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Native to Hawai‘i, this small tree or shrub grows up to 30 feet tall, with a canopy spread usually under 10 feet. Small, fragrant white flowers and evergreen foliage make it a great choice for a courtyard or entryway tree. Alahe‘e is also a great substitute for mock orange as a hedge. It is very hardy and can survive in a variety of conditions, making it suitable for container or rooftop plantings. When it is grown from seed, its canopy can be dense or open-crowned.

**Recommended Use in Landscapes**
- Specimen tree
- Evergreen foliage accent
- Screen or windbreak
- Courtyard or entry tree
- Hedges

**Distribution**
Indigenous to Hawai‘i, Micronesia, New Caledonia, and New Hebrides.

**Propagation Techniques**
- Propagated by seed and (rarely) by cuttings
- Cuttings (when successful) tend to grow horizontally
- Regularly attacked by native weevil; spray plant once flowers are gone for control

**Cultural Requirements and Tolerance**
- Well-drained soil
- Full to partial sun
- Can be pruned into a tree or hedge form
• Wind, drought, and salt tolerant
• Grows well in containers

**Flower and Fruit Characteristics**
• Small, fragrant white flowers
• Black leathery fruits

**Leaf Characteristics**
• Glossy dark green upper surface
• Oval to lance shaped

**Advantages for Use in Landscapes**
• Will do well in the problematic areas of the landscape
• Very hardy
• Suitable for containers and roof gardens
• Native plant

**Disadvantages for Use in Landscapes**
• Susceptible to scale, mealybugs, thrips, aphids, and black mold
• Attacked by native seed weevils

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