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FOOD PLANTS

Size	Remarks
Coffee 5-15'	Fragrant white flowers; red beans against shiny green leaves.
Fig 25'	Can be trained to grow low and along a wall or fence.
Kaffir lime 15'	Leaves are used in Thai cooking to impart a lemon flavor.
Lipstick tree 10-20'	Seeds are used as food coloring; red pods against green leaves are striking.

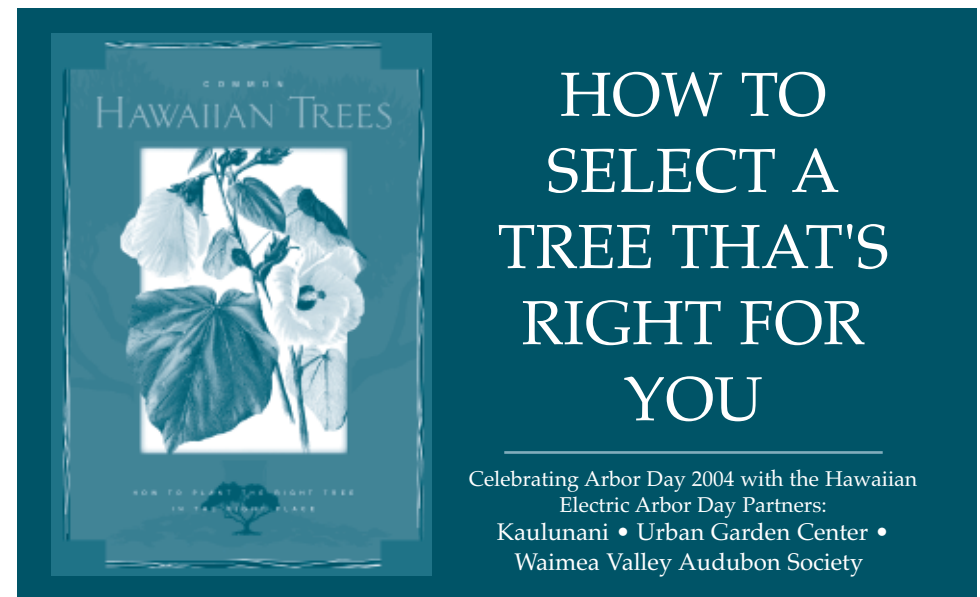
FLOWERING PLANTS

Koki'o ula, kulu'i and ohai ali'i may be pruned as hedges. All others are beautiful trees and should be allowed to gain their full potential. Except for lignum vitae, all of these plants are endemic, indigenous or Polynesian introduced.

Size	Remarks
Koki'o ula 14-30'	A native hibiscus with single petals and shiny green leaves.
Kolomona 10-25'	Abundant single-petaled, yellow flowers.
Kou 15-30'	Shade tree with crepe-orange flowers.
Kukui 35-50'	Shade tree with silvery green leaves, white flowers.
Lignum vitae 15-35'	Outstanding tree; striking blue flowers and red-orange, heart-shaped seeds.
Lipstick 10-20'	Red pods against green leaves are striking.
Ohai ali'i 5-15'	A light-looking shrub or tree; flowers suitable for lei making.
Plumeria 20-35'	Delightful in any garden; blossoms in many shapes and fragrances.
Pua kenikeni 25-40'	Lei makers' favorite, blooms white, aging to light orange.
Tiare 10-20'	Star-shaped white flower lasts 2 to 3 days.
White hibiscus (Kokio ke'oke'o) 10-30'	Blossom offers a delicate fragrance.

FRAGRANT PLANTS

Size	Remarks
Coffee 5-15'	An ornamental; shiny green leaves, fragrant white flowers, red beans.
White hibiscus (Kokio ke'oke'o) 3-30'	Fragrant white blossoms last two days. Quite showy on dark nights.
Plumeria 20-40'	Lei makers' favorite; variety of colors and scents.
Pua kenikeni 25-40'	Highly fragrant blossoms.
Tiare 10-20'	May be sheared as a shrub or grown into a graceful tree; spicy white blossoms.



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SUITABLE FOR SMALL SPACES

In pot cultures, these plants will grow slowly and remain small. Planted in the ground and under ideal conditions, they will grow to maturity.

Size	Remarks
A'ali'i 25'	Shear as a hedge or allow to grow as a tree. Flowers and leaves are used in lei making.
Alahe'e 20'	Glossy, green leaves with fragrant white flowers.
Ilima 3-10'	A prolific bloom of yellow flowers suitable for ilima lei.
Money Tree 10-25'	Indoors or patio; slow growing.
Naupaka 3-10'	Glossy, green leaves with white, fragrant, half blossoms. Tolerates salty conditions.
Oha'i ali'i 9-15'	Sunny location outdoors. Lightly prune after flowering to encourage more blossoms.
Puakenikeni 25-40'	Fragrant flower; keep near door or window.

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Food plants are ornamental by themselves. The best thing about them is that leaves, seeds and fruit are delicious in food preparation.

Calamondin 15-20'	The fruit is used for flavoring food and making refreshing drinks.
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TREE TRAITS

Plant	Tree Form	Mature Height	Spread	Flower	Fruit	Growth Rate	Location	Water Needs
A'ALII	round	25'	15'	small	capsule	moderate	full sun	moderate
ALAHÉ'E	round	20'	15'	fragrant	small/black	slow	sun/shade	well drained
ILIMA	shrub	3-10'	3-5'	yellow	capsule	moderate	full sun	well drained
KAFFIR LIME	round	5-15'	12'	white	round	moderate	sun/shade	moist
WHITE HIBISCUS koki'o ke'oke'o	round	10-30'	15-30'	white	capsule	fast	sun/shade	moderate
RED HIBISCUS koki'o 'ula	upright	14-30'	6-20'	red	capsule	fast	sun/shade	moderate
KOU	round	15-30'	20-25'	orange	round	mod/fast	sun/shade	moderate
LOULU	palm	20-25'	15-18'	greenish	black	moderate	full sun	moderate
MANELE	broad	10-30'	20-30'	white	brown	moderate	full sun	moderate
MAO	spreading	6'	5-7'	yellow	cotton	moderate	full sun	moderate
MAO HAO HELE	spreading	4-25'	4-15'	yellow	capsule	moderate	full sun	moderate
MONEY TREE	multi-stem	10-25'	2-3'	greenish	round	mod/slow	sun/shade	well drained
NAUPAKA	spreading	3-10'	6-15'	fragrant	white	fast	full sun	well drained
OHA'I ALII	spreading	9-15'	open	orange	pods	fast	sun/shade	moderate
PUA KENIKENI	round	25-40'	25'	white	round	moderate	sun/shade	moist
SLEEPING HIBISCUS	shrub	3-6'	3-5'	rose, yellow	capsule	fast	full sun	moderate
LECHOSA	rounded	20'	15-20'	white	paired ovoid	moderate	sun/shade	moderate
WILIWILI	open crown	20-25'	20-25'	red, orange, white	kidney shape	mod/fast	sun/shade	moderate