



Conserving Maui's Endemic and Endangered Plant Species, One Plant at a Time

It is often said, "Maui nō ka 'oi", and we truly are an island which tops the list for many wonderful reasons. When it comes to our native plants, Maui and our neighboring islands of Maui Nui (Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaho'olawe, and Molokini) are home to an array of unique Hawaiian plants, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Unfortunately, we are also the home of some of the most endangered plant species in the world which are struggling each and every day to survive in their natural habitats.

Here at MNBG, we are proud to be a botanical garden which serves as a safe haven for many of these endemic and endangered Native Hawaiian plant species. We are a gathering place connecting our community with these precious plants and engaging visitors to learn about their incredible stories of survival.

In this edition of our newsletter, we'd like to highlight some of the endemic and endangered Native Hawaiian plant species showcased at MNBG. These are some of the species that make our garden botanically nō ka 'oi ("number 1") and we need your support to continue our

good work to protect and grow these species for their future survival.

Wouldn't it be monumental to see an endangered species taken off of the Endangered Species List, rather than see it listed as an extinct species within our lifetime? With your help, we can do our part to fulfill this dream. As you enjoy reading about these species, please consider making a donation toward the future management of these plants and to support new conservation efforts at MNBG. Together with your financial support, we can work to protect our uniquely endemic species and contribute to the survival of our endangered species of Maui Nui, one plant at a time.

Pua 'ala (*Brighamia rockii*)

Cherished for its fragrant white flowers, the pua'ala is an endemic member of the Bellflower family and was traditionally used to make beautiful lei. Pua'ala were once found on Maui, Lāna'i and Moloka'i. Today, less than 200 pua'ala remain in the wild and are situated along the windward sea cliffs of Moloka'i. It's possible that this highly endangered plant may have lost its natural pollinator, the



Pua'ala

hawk moth, making it more difficult to reproduce on its own. In 2011, MNBG received 40 seedlings from botanist, Bill Garrett, who was cultivating them as part of a restoration project at Kalaupapa, Moloka'i. We were successful in propagating these plants, and now, fortunate people on Maui can also enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the endemic and endangered pua'ala in their own home.

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Ko'oloa'ula (*Abutilon menziesii*)

Hidden beneath silvery-green leaves, the small red flowers of the ko'oloa'ula are distinctly tucked away from one's line of sight. Before the introduction of feral ungulates, ko'oloa'ula were found in dry forests on at least four islands. Now, there are only a few hundred naturally occurring in the wild with populations mostly on Maui and Lāna'i. MNBG has several ko'oloa'ula on display in the Gardens and children's eyes light up when they discover the tiny hibiscus-shaped blossoms cleverly hanging beneath the plant's velvety leaves.

'Ihi (*Portulaca molokiniensis*)

Another rare species that hasn't yet made it to the endangered species list is 'ihi. This is a succulent that was first taxonomically described from Molokini islet by MNBG Board Member, Bob Hobdy. In Hawaiian, the word 'ihi means "sacred," "holy" or "dignified." For many years, 'ihi has been propagated by various nurseries but it is very likely that all cuttings have originated from a single individual plant. As part of a partnership with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, MNBG is now tending plants grown from cuttings of 10 different individuals from 'Ale 'ale islet on Kaho'olawe. Plants that are maintained this way can be used to strengthen the genetic diversity of landscaping material in the future. The *ex situ* (off-site) population of 'ihi from Kaho'olawe can be seen in our coastal garden.



Ko'oloa'ula



'Ihi



Kāmanomano



Hame

Kāmanomano (*Cenchrus agrimonoides* var. *agrimonoides*)

Kāmanomano is a rare species of grass that is endemic to Hawai'i. It is considered to be a critically endangered species with only three individuals believed to exist in the wild on Maui, and less than 100 individuals on O'ahu. MNBG works in partnership with the Plant Extinction Prevention Program to propagate kāmanomano grass for habitat restoration projects. On Kaho'olawe, kāmanomano has been used for restoring the grassy habitat of the island. You can see this grass under the loulu trees, along with many other native grasses that are grown in the Gardens.

Hame (*Antidesma platyphyllum*)

Though not listed as an endangered species, hame is a very rare tree on Maui and it is an endemic tree that is found on all main Hawaiian Islands. Ecologically, hame plays an important role in its symbiotic relationship with the endemic and endangered pūpū kani'oe (Hawaiian tree snail) which favors this tree as its home. In 2012, MNBG partnered with the Natural Area Reserve System (NARS) to grow seedlings in our nursery. After several months, five plants were added to the Gardens' landscape. The remaining hame were transferred to NARS which were later planted at the Ahihi-Kīna'u Reserve in South Maui. Today, we continue to grow hame seedlings from these trees for NARS restoration projects.



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Save The Date!

Arbor Day Hawaiian Tree Giveaway:

Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 9AM - 12PM

In celebration of Hawai'i's native trees, MNBG partners with Maui Electric Company, DLNR's Kaulunani Urban & Community Forestry Program, and the County of Maui Department of Water Supply to give away 1,000 Hawaiian trees, free, to anyone willing and able to care for them (1 plant per person, any age). 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of this wonderful event! With the continued support of our event partners, we are so proud to have given away over 10,000 trees in celebration of Arbor Day and counting!

Ke'ala'ilahi 2013: Saturday, November 23rd, 2013

Award winning Hālau Kekuaokalā'au'ala'ilahi will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, November 23rd, to benefit its trip to the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival. It will be a fun-filled day of hula, music, food, crafts, silent auction and more! All proceeds will help to defer travel and competition costs. Tickets to the event may be purchased from any hālau member.

With Gratitude from Our Garden:

Robin Yamashita, Cindy Singer, Janet Allan, and Connie Luk for volunteer snacks, Jennifer Rose for sickles and garden gloves, Paul Kastner for plates and utensils, Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond & Kī'ope Raymond for rakes, Maggie Sniffen for baked goods and rags, Bob Hobdy for the new book, "Loulu: The Hawaiian Palm," by Donald R. Hodel, Ronald Fukami for 'ōhi'a 'ai trees for Arbor Day 2013, Raymond Higashi for extremely rare books on native plants, Orchids of Olinda for high capacity plant label maker, and Brad Fitkin of Cutting Edge Development Inc. for help with rare native transplanting.

MNBG Community Contributions:

Kihei Charter School (kamani seeds), Lahaina Restoration Foundation (hau cordage and hala keys), Lyon Arboretum (kalo huli for tissue culture), Maui Economic Opportunity ('ilima, 'ūlei, ālula, naio), 'Āo Elementary School (kō honua'ula), Hālau Nā Hanona Kūlike o Pi'ilani (hala fruit), and the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (kō, 'ulu, kalo).

Mahalo to our Interns & Volunteers:

Kahua Julian, Michael Voss, Kalani Fontes, Samantha Kahuhu-Neizman, Edward Pali, Tamera Jo Freeman, Jonathan Manibog, Chelsey Pali, Zelli Horner, Charles & Kimberly Eckart, Samantha Sheehan, Stephanie Kowalski, Paul Castillo, UH-MC's 'IKE Program participants, Hinano Tangaro and the HYCC: KUPU interns, Cub Scouts Pack #68, and the students of MPD's DARE Summer Program.

Wish List

**If you would like to contribute to the purchase of one or more of these items please call 808-249-2798.*

- Volunteer snacks
- Garden gloves (all sizes)
- Long sleeve shirts
- Table Cloths
- Rakes
- Handicapable gardening tools
- Medium sized picks
- Shovels
- Sickles
- hand pruners (clippers)
- Sunshine mix #4 bales
- Mulch
- Large ceramic planter pots from Indolotus in Kīhei
- Outdoor tables & chairs
- Washing Machine
- Chainsaw with 24 inch blade or longer
- Wood chipping services
- Dump truck services
- Small tractor
- Pick-up Truck
- Hawaiian Miles (for interisland travel to conferences)

LOCATION & HOURS

150 Kanaloa Avenue
Keōpūolani Park, Kahului
Across from the War Memorial Sports Complex
Monday-Saturday
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Free Admission
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays
*Weather permitting

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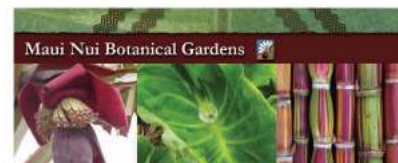
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is to foster appreciation and understanding of Maui Nui's plants and their role in Hawaiian cultural expression by providing a gathering place for discovery, education, and conservation.



NEW! Give Online

MNBG is now able to accept donations online! Make a donation, pledge or renew your membership by visiting www.mnbg.org and clicking on "make a donation".

Garden News

Earth Day 2013 Review

The staff at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens would like to thank everyone who attended MNBG's Ola Ka Honua: Earth Day 2013 Celebration held at the Gardens on Saturday, April 13th.

Over 700 people attended this year's free event and experienced Hawaiian culture through activities, demonstrations and performances. With over 20 participating conservation organizations, guests also went home equipped with information and awareness on how to be better stewards of our environment.

Huge thanks go out to Mistress of Ceremonies, Alaka'i Paleka, and the amazing musicians who shared their talents with us including Sheldon Brown & Friends, Kaniala Masoe & Kimo Brehm, Damien Awai, Hui 'Ukulele O Kalama, and Grammy Award Winner George Kahumoku Jr. with UH-MC's students of the Hawaiian Music Institute.

Mahalo nui to the County of Maui's Department of Water Supply and KPOA 93.5 FM for advertising kōkua, and to our amazing volunteers for helping us achieve another great community event. No garden event would be possible without your unwavering dedication and support.



Kapa making activity at Earth Day 2013 led by UH-MC's Hawaiian Ethnobotany kumu and haumana.



Mahalo to Nā Kamehameha Pā'u Riders for leading lei making demonstrations.



Mahalo to Habitat for Humanity and all participating organizations for sharing information at this year's event.



Guided Tours & Activities

MNBG's volunteer docents led guided tours and cultural activities for many residents, visitors, schools and organizations this season. These include UH-MC's English as a Second Language Classes, Chris Hart & Associates, Kahului Elementary School, Alu Like's Pūlama I Nā Keiki Project, Kamehameha Preschool Paukūkalo, Baldwin High School Art Classes, The Boys & Girls Club of Paukūkalo, Lakala

Family Foundation, Kula Kaiapuni O Maui ma Pā'ia, Maui Police Department's DARE Summer Program, Hui Mālama Learning Center, Kihei Charter School's 6th Grade classes, and UH-MC's 'IKE and STEM Programs.

Guided tours at MNBG are available for \$10 per person on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 a.m., by appointment only. Call 808-249-2798 or email info@mnbg.org for reservations. Self guided audio tour wands are now available for \$5, and walking tour brochures are available for \$4. Come visit us soon!

Donate Your HI5 Funds to MNBG at Aloha Recycling!

In partnership with Aloha Recycling, supporters of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens may now donate their HI5 recyclable funds to MNBG from any of the 5 Aloha Recycling Redemption Centers in Maui!

This is a great way for our non-profit to raise money, and we are so grateful to the team at Aloha Recycling for the opportunity to participate in this program.

To have your items credited to Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, just advise the staff when you bring in your recyclable items. Mahalo in advance, and please help us spread the word!

For directions and business hours for any of Aloha Recycling's redemption centers throughout Maui (Kahului, UH-MC, Makawao, Haiku and Kihei), please visit www.aloha-recycling.com.



Arbor Day 2013

1,000 Hawaiian Tree Giveaway

Saturday, November 2nd, 2013
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

At Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, 150 Kanaloa Avenue in Kahului

Free Admission, Free Parking and a Free Hawaiian Tree!

- Free demonstrations on proper tree care and water saving techniques.
- Learn about the great works of many local non-profit conservation groups and how you can get involved in your community.
- Delicious food available for purchase prepared by MNBG & Excel Soccer Club.
- Speak with native plant experts who can help answer all of your tree and landscaping questions.

Across the street from the War Memorial Stadium.
www.mnbg.org phone: (808) 249-2798

1,000 Native Hawaiian & Polynesian-introduced trees will be given away.

*Courtesy of: Maui Electric Company, Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program,
The County of Maui's Department of Water Supply and Maui Nui Botanical Gardens*



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Garden View

Arbor Day 2013– Better Than Ever!

MNBG's own Weed and Pot Club have been busily working in our nursery growing more than 20 different kinds of native trees and shrubs to give away at this year's Arbor Day 1,000 Hawaiian Tree Give-Away, Saturday, November 2, from 9 am to 12 pm. The Maui Electric Company is generously supporting the event by purchasing at least 10 other species to add to the total. This year, participating conservation organizations will be helping people learn about and choose a tree. One organization, the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project, will even be giving away 'a'ali'i trees grown from seeds that came from their own forest. There will be free demonstrations and lectures, 'ono breakfast plates provided by the Excel Soccer Club, and even more of the most popular types of trees than last year. So bring your whole family and help us make Maui a greener, shadier place!



The Weed and Pot Club recently did a field trip to the Waihe'e Ridge Trail, a State Forest Reserve in the waonahale, the forested upland regions where tall native trees once dominated and people gathered for various purposes. We saw beautiful views of Waihee Gorge and Makamakaole Gulch and identified 17 native plant species, including many ferns.



Brad Fitkin, Project Manager of Cutting Edge Development, Lahaina, our steadfast board member Janet Allan, and artist George Allan have completed a "top-secret" project in the nursery, as of Saturday, September 14. Thank you for donating your Saturdays, money, and your excellent woodworking skills to a species in peril.



After Tropical Storm Flossie, some of our trees needed work. Terry Nutt, certified arborist, donated a full day of tree trimming to the garden and expertly addressed damage to our 'ulu trees from the storm. Mahalo Terry, and mahalo to County Arborist David Sakoda for having a milo tree that was uprooted by the storm removed, and for helping us salvage the beautiful milo wood.

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission is a valued partner. This winter, MNBG is growing five rare native species for restoration work on Kaho'olawe. The seeds are from the National Tropical Botanical Garden seed bank and were collected from 1995-2008. Mahalo to Jamie Bruch for invaluable technical assistance and to KIRC for supplies needed for rare species propagation and care.



The Taro Security and Purity Task Force visited the Garden to share mana'o about managing the more than 70 kalo varieties at MNBG. After a tour of the kalo collection and nursery, the statewide group held a ku'i 'ai (poi pounding) demonstration for some Hui Malama kids in the Sanford Memorial pavilion.

Volunteer Central



Kaunoa Senior Center spent a day at the Gardens learning about native Hawaiian plant propagation and lei making.



The Weed & Pot Club received handmade pot holders from new volunteer, Connie Luk! Mahalo, Connie!



MNBG Board Member, Kathy Baldwin, presents MNBG's Weed & Pot Club T-shirt to Willie Nelson!



Will work for plants!

If you love working with native plants, you'll love the Weed & Pot Club! This volunteer gardening group meets every Wednesday morning, from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Spend your morning helping the Gardens thrive through weeding and propagation. Off site field trips, workshops and lectures are scheduled several times a year for our volunteers only. Come prepared to work with covered shoes and gardening attire.

Mahalo Weed & Pot Club

Becky Lau	Jackie Kovarsky	MalieUnabia-Verkerke	Robin Yamashita
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MNBG appreciates Kaunoa's RSVP partnership for its support of MNBG volunteers. Like MNBG, Kaunoa provides opportunities for people 55 and better to learn and grow through a variety of programs throughout Maui Nui.

Call (808) 270-7986
for more information.

Check Out What's Blooming!

‘Ōhi‘a lehua

Metrosideros polymorpha

Endemic

Probably no other native Hawaiian plant is found in a greater number of varieties than ‘ōhi‘a lehua. The beautiful flowers, of many colors, are an important food source for Hawai‘i's native birds. The flowers and new leaves (liko) are prized for lei making today, as much as they were in ancient times. ‘Ōhi‘a lehua is drought and wind tolerant and can be seen in full bloom this season at the Gardens.



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Join us at the Kahili Restaurant's Asian-Fusion Buffet!

Saturday, November 23rd, from 5:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

10% of all food sales will benefit the mission and programs of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

Featuring a traditional Japanese tempura station, roasted pig carving station, dim sum, signature sushi rolls, salad bar, BBQ pork baby back ribs, Manila clams, fish, beef and chicken entrees, noodles, a variety of desserts and so much more!

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Kupu means to sprout or grow. Just like the kupukupu ferns, you can help the Gardens grow through donations, memberships, bequests or by volunteering. Your contribution helps to ensure the survival and perpetuation of native Hawaiian plants and culture.

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Play a lasting part in protecting Hawai'i's native plants through planned giving. Consider making a bequest to the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens in your will or trust. Call 249-2798.

VOLUNTEER

Give a gift of time. Volunteering at MNBG helps the Gardens accomplish many projects and also gives you an opportunity to learn about and work with native plants.

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