

'Ōhi'a Hold Up the Sky:

Explore links, icons and pictures around this tree to learn how 'ōhi'a touch your life everyday, on every island.

What you can do for 'ōhi'a:
[Rapid 'Ohi'a Death HOME](#)



Hale manu:
Rare forest birds prefer to nest in natives like 'ōhi'a.



Ecotourism:
73% of birders come from out of state to see species unique to Hawai'i.



Unique and endangered Hawaiian birds depend on 'ōhi'a lehua nectar for food: listen and see.

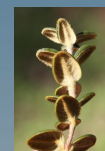
More than a legend: 'Ōhi'a continue to inspire Hawaiian culture.



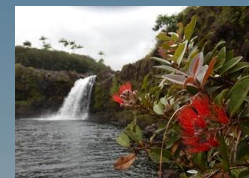
'Ōhi'a wood has always been valued, from 'ukulele to wa'a.



Pālulu makani
Trees can lower wind-speeds by a factor of two.



Harvesting Nā Ao
Native trees collect 30% more water from clouds than simple rainfall. Fuzzy 'ōhi'a leaves collect more than alien trees or grass, storing it on leaf surfaces for a time.



Ola i Ka Wai
How much water do you use? Our drinking water is made by native forests: this map shows where and how much for each island.



Trees are made from air:
35-800 pounds of atmospheric carbon are absorbed by one tree each year. Calculate how many trees are needed to offset your lifestyle.

Want to protect reefs and fisheries? Erosion control from canopy to roots: rainfall interception by leaves slows erosion 20-60%.



Phytoremediation:
trees take-in, store and alter pollutants.



Malu Ka Lā
Leaves shade the ground and evapotranspiration cools the air up to 9' F.