

Directions:

Your 'ōhi'a wreath offers a great home for lehua to bloom and for kāhuli to glide. Feel free to decorate your wreath however you choose by coloring and cutting out the images of lehua flowers and kāhuli, found on the following pages. Glue or tape your colored flowers and snails onto the 'ōhi'a leaf wreath.



For more activities, use this Forestry and Wildlife education URL dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/education

Meet the Native Hawaiian tree snail, kāhuli!

Hawaiian land snails were once abundant across our islands, with roughly 750 species filing our forests. These snails are an important part of our ecosystems, helping to clean fungus from leaves and turn leaf litter into soil. They are important to Native Hawaiian culture and are featured in mele, oli, hula and lei making. Hawai'i has lost roughly 60% of the 750 land snail species due to changing climates and predation by invasive species, and our remaining snails are facing extinction.



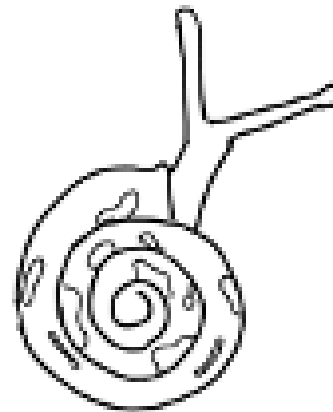
photo by Keahi Bustamente

Aloha!

My name is, *Laminella sanguinea* and I am in the Amastridae family. I am only found in mesic forests in the Wai'anae Mountains of O'ahu. I am extremely rare, and like to be on the ground and in the trees where I find my dinner, dead and decaying leaf material.... yum!

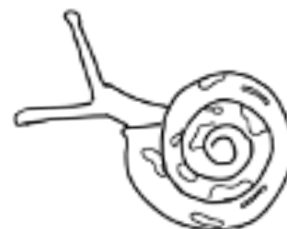
We sometimes have red and orange shells with black zig-zags.

Feel free to use whatever colors you like!



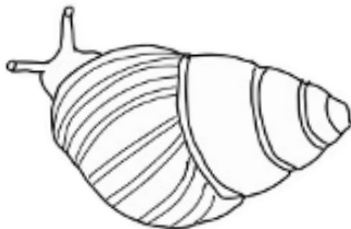
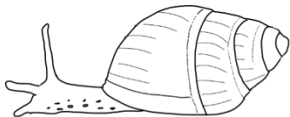
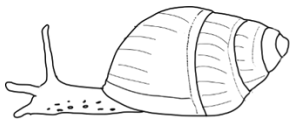
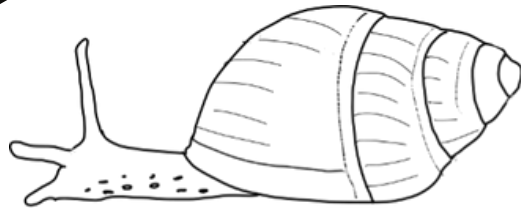
Aloha,

I am a part of the Euconulidae family. Some say I look like a cinnamon bun, but please don't eat me! I can be found on the ground and in vegetation. The Hawaiian Islands have 60 described species of Euconulidae, but my family is all over the world. Interestingly, my shell is translucent, so we usually look brownish with yellow spots. Feel free to color me however you like!



Aloha!

My name is *Achatinella bulimoides* and I am only found on the windward and leeward slopes of the Ko'olau mountains of O'ahu. I am critically endangered and am hunted from rats and chameleons in high elevation, isolated forests. Our shells sometimes look brown and yellow, but color us however you'd like!

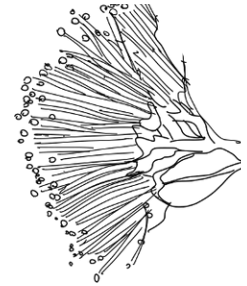
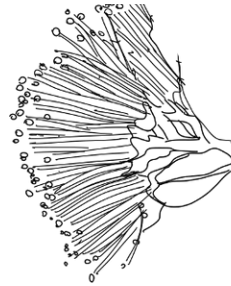
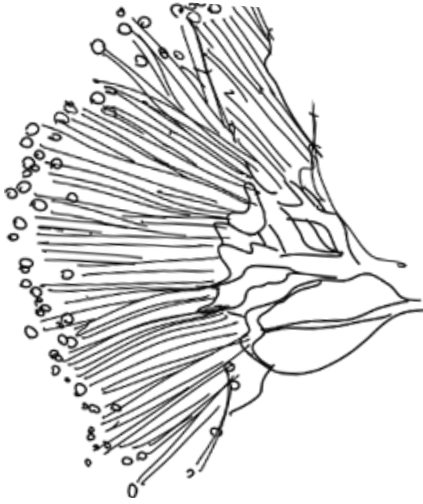


Aloha!

My name is *Achatinella decipiens*. The other snails on this page are my cousins. My shell is very unique due to its wrinkles and whorls. Our shells are sometimes brown and white, but you can color yours however you'd like. I can only be found in the Ko'olau mountains of O'ahu. I am endangered due in part to predators like rats and chameleons.



Lehua flowers are usually bright red, though some varieties are yellow, orange, or pink. You can color yours however you'd like.



All about 'ōhi'a lehua

'Ōhi'a lehua....

- Makes up 80% of the Hawaiian island's native forests and is found nowhere else in the world!
- Is a colonizer of recent lava flows.
- Has flowers that are a mass of stamens, ranging from fiery red to yellow.
- Wood was traditionally used for kapa beaters, poi boards, and weapons, while its leaves were used as a medicinal tea.
- Flowers and young growth were used for lei and hula altar adornment.
- Prevents erosion and flooding after storms by retaining water

