



# Fabaceae

## The Bean Family

The bean family includes trees, shrubs, herbs, and vines that produce seeds in pods that open along two lines when they dry out and split.

Bean family plants are found in environments around the world. Many staple foods belong to this family, like edamame and peanuts. Some weedy plant pests do too, like gorse and albizia.

Hawai'i is home to unique bean family plants that are not found anywhere else in the world. Important examples include koa, koa'ia, māmane, and wiliwili.



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Tamarind, Rainbow Shower Tree, Icecream Bean, Narra, Brazilian Ironwood, Shower Trees, Pheasantwood, Brownea, and more!