



Myrtaceae The Myrtle Family

The myrtle family includes trees and shrubs that have leathery, evergreen leaves and flowers with noticeable stamens that are abundant and colorful.

Myrtle family plants grow in tropical and temperate regions around the world. Aromatic plants belong to this family, like eucalyptus, clove, and allspice. Tart fruits do too, like guava, jaboticaba, and surinam cherry.

Our favorite myrtle family plant in Hawai'i is 'ōhi'a. It can be found growing Statewide from lava fields to rainforests, and everywhere in between.



Check out Myrtaceae in the Arboretum:
Jaboticaba, Pineapple Guava, Surinam Cherry, and 'Ōhi'a