

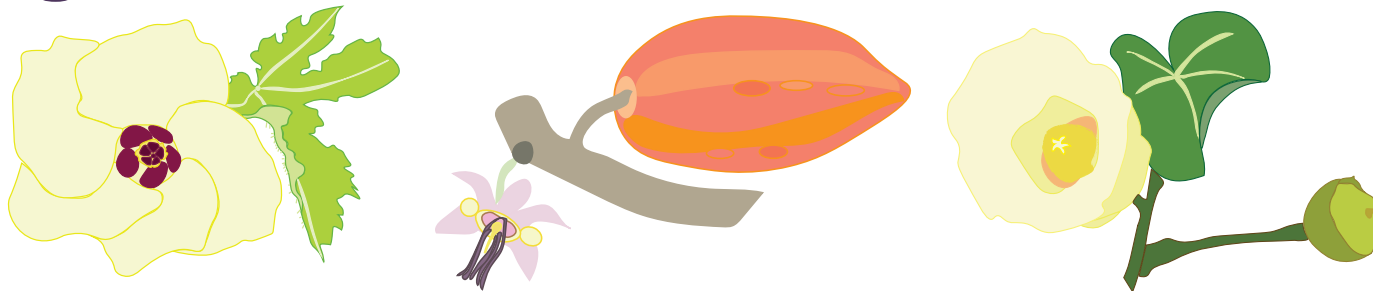
# Malvaceae

## The Mallow Family

The mallow family includes trees, shrubs, and herbs with stems and leaves covered in star-shaped hairs that produce a mucus-like sap when cut.

Mallow family plants grow around the world. Important agricultural crops belong to this family, like cotton and okra. Exotic fruits do too, like durian.

Hawai'i is home to many unique mallow family plants including hibiscus, hau kuahiwi, ko'oloa 'ula, and ilima.



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