

## HOW TO SELECT A TREE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

### FLOWERING PLANTS

Place these plants where you can admire them everyday. These flowering plants, whether fragrant or not, will provide nice interest in your yard.

Flowering Plants	Size	Remarks
Koki'o ke'oke'o	10-30'	White fragrant flowers last several days; the blossoms remain open at night
Koki'o 'ula	14-30'	Glossy, green leaves with attractive, single-petal, red flower
Ma'o hau hele	4-25'	This bright yellow blossom is Hawai'i's state flower
Nānū	20'	White, fragrant petals curl under as the flower matures
Plumeria	20-40'	Comes in a rainbow of colors, suitable for an old-fashioned lei
Pua kenikenī	25-40'	Tubular blossom blooming white and aging to orange, great for lei
Tiare gardenia	10-20'	White blossom flowers abundantly with large, glossy, green leaves

### FRUIT TREES

The great thing about growing these trees is that they provide shade, have ornamental value, and are edible. Pomegranate and mountain apple flowers are showy. Calamondin and Meyers lemon flowers smell sweet.

Food Plants	Size	Remarks
Calamondin	15'	Nice ornamental plant, potted or planted; squeeze the tart juice over fish and other food
Fig Tree	25'	Delicious fruit; tree can be kept small by pruning after fruiting
Meyers lemon	10-20'	Excellent in a pot, has fragrant flowers and delicious fruit
Mountain apple	16-40'	Excellent for home garden; has a delicious, crispy fruit
Pomegranate	12-20'	Use fruit kernels in desserts and salads or press for nutritious juice

### FRAGRANT PLANTS

Plant these fragrant plants where they will perfume the outdoors as well as the indoors. All are suitable for a small yard or patio.

Fragrant Plants	Size	Remarks
Koki'o ke'oke'o	10-30'	Lightly fragrant, white blossoms are quite showy on a dark night
Nānū	20'	Spicy fragrance with a hint of coconut
Plumeria	20-40'	No two plumerias smell alike, ranging from sweet to spicy and heavy to light
Pua kenikenī	25-40'	Very nice, strong fragrance
Tiare gardenia	10-20'	Light and spicy fragrance, white blossom with large, glossy, green leaves

### PALM TREES

This highly versatile palm adapts well as a potted plant in indoor and outdoor locations or when planted out in the yard.

Palm Trees	Size	Remarks
Manila palm	15-25'	Excellent as an outdoor screen or for mass planting

### SHADE TREES

These all-purpose trees provide shade and have flowers.

Shade Trees	Size	Remarks
Alahe'e	10-20'	Ideal for shade in a small yard; has tiny, fragrant, white flowers
Mountain apple	16-40'	Provides dense shade; suited for areas with moist soil
Plumeria	10-40'	This flowering tree can provide light shade in a small yard
Tiare Gardenia	10-20'	Slow growing; can be trained to promote upright growth

### SMALL SPACES

These plants will grow slowly and remain small in pot culture. Planting them in the ground under ideal conditions will allow them to grow to maturity. All except Red Hala may be reasonably pruned to remain small.

Small Spaces	Size	Remarks
Alahe'e	10-20'	Glossy, green leaves with tiny, fragrant, white flowers
Croton	5-6'	Does well indoors or out in a bright area
Koki'o ke'oke'o	10-30'	Can be grown as a tree or as a shrub, flowers freely
Koki'o 'ula	14-30'	Glossy leaves with a unique, red blossom
Meyers lemon	10-20'	This tree will remain small and bear fruit in a pot
Nānū	20'	An endemic gardenia with a smooth, spicy fragrance
Red Hala	10-33'	Useful tree provides materials for making cordage, weaving, and thatching roofs
Tiare gardenia	10-20'	Suitable for a small backyard for light shade

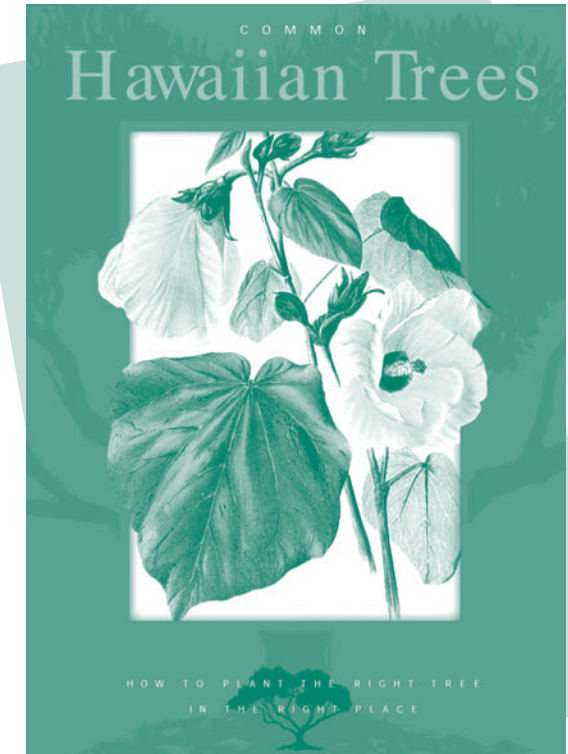
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PLANT	ORIGIN	HEIGHT	WIDTH	TREE FORM	FLOWER	FRUIT	GROWTH RATE	LOCATION	WATER NEEDS	SOIL
ALAHE`E <i>PSYDRAX ODORATA</i>	INDIGENOUS	10-20'	15'	ROUND	WHITE	SMALL BLACK	SLOW	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
CALAMONDIN <i>X CITROFORTUNELLA MITIS</i>	EXOTIC	15'	8'	UPRIGHT	WHITE	SMALL ORANGE	MODERATE	FULL SUN	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
CROTON VARIETIES <i>CODIAEUM VARIEGATUM</i>	EXOTIC	5-6'	5-6'	UPRIGHT	STRAW COLORED	BERRY	MODERATE	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
FIG TREE <i>FICUS CARICA</i>	EXOTIC	25'	15'	SPREADING	NONE	GREEN OR BROWN	FAST	FULL SUN	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
KOKI`O KE`OKE`O <i>HIBISCUS ARNOTTIANUS</i>	ENDEMIC	10-30'	15-30'	ROUND	WHITE	CAPSULE	FAST	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
KOKI`O `ULA <i>HIBISCUS KOKI`O</i>	ENDEMIC	14-30'	6-20'	UPRIGHT	RED	CAPSULE	FAST	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
MANILA PALM <i>VEITCHIA MERILLII</i>	EXOTIC	15-25'	COMPACT	SINGLE TRUNK	WHITE	RED BERRIES	MODERATE	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
MA`O HAU HELE <i>HIBISCUS BRACKENRIDGEI</i>	ENDEMIC & ENDANGERED	4-25'	4-15'	SPRAWLING	YELLOW	CAPSULE	FAST	FULL SUN	MODERATE	ADAPTABLE
MEYERS LEMON <i>CITRUS X LIMONIS CV. 'MEYERS'</i>	EXOTIC	10-20'	10-15'	UPRIGHT	WHITE	OVAL	MODERATE	FULL SUN	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
MOUNTAIN APPLE <i>SYZYGIUM MALACCENSE</i>	EXOTIC	16-40'	15'-20'	BELL SHAPED	RED	RED	MODERATE	SUN/PARTIAL SHADE	ABUNDANT	WELL DRAINED
NĀNŪ <i>GARDENIA BRIGHAMII</i>	ENDEMIC & ENDANGERED	20'	15'	UPRIGHT	WHITE	FLESHY ROUND	MODERATE	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	ADAPTABLE
PLUMERIA <i>PLUMERIA SPECIES</i>	EXOTIC	20-40'	15-20'	ROUND	WIDE RANGE	PODS	FAST	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
POMEGRANATE <i>PUNICA GRANATUM</i>	EXOTIC	15-20'	10'	SCRAGGLY	BRIGHT RED	ROUND	MODERATE	FULL SUN	MODERATE	ADAPTABLE
PUA KENIKENI <i>FAGRAEA BERTERANA</i>	EXOTIC	25-40'	25'	ROUND	WHITE	ROUND	MODERATE	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED
RED HALA <i>PANDANUS SPECIES</i>	ENDEMIC	10-33'	10-25'	ROUND HEAD	GREENISH	TRIANGULAR	SLOW	SUN/PARTIAL SHADE	LIGHT	ADAPTABLE
TIARE GARDENIA <i>GARDENIA TAITENSIS</i>	EXOTIC	10-20'	15'	UPRIGHT	WHITE	WINGED	MODERATE	SUN OR SHADE	MODERATE	WELL DRAINED