

The Hawaiian word pono carries a lot of depth and meaning. The Hawaiian dictionary lists over 80 English translations, with the most common being "righteousness." Planting pono means choosing to grow things in your yard that are beneficial and proper for the landscape.

## WANT TO CHECK IF A PLANT IS INVASIVE?

- **1.** Visit plantpono.org
- **2.** Type plant name into search box

Search by Name dracaena SUBMIT

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3. Select desired plant to learn more about it



Dracaena draco dragon tree, kite tree, Canary Islands dragon tree, drago

Designation: Pono Plant (low risk) Score: -5 Download Assessment



## Dracaena fragrans

Designation: Pono Plant (low risk) Download Assessment

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# RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE.

Your go-to guide for non-invasive plant choices in East Hawaii



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## WHAT IS AN INVASIVE SPECIES?

Any plant/animal introduced to Hawai'i by humans (intentionally or accidentally) that causes significant harm to:

- 1) the environment
- 2) the economy
- 3) human health and way of life



Photos (from left to right): Fountain grass, a major fire threat; Night-blooming jasmine, forms impenetrable thickets and smothers native plants; Barbados gooseberry, extremely thorny.

## MAKE THE PONO CHOICE

## **1. VISIT PLANTPONO.ORG**

Visit **www.plantpono.org** to learn how plants are designated as invasive. Use the database of over 2,000 plants to look up a plant's evaluated risk and find carefully selected non-invasive replacement plants for your yard.

## 2. BUY NATIVE/NON-INVASIVE PLANTS

No matter where you choose to get your plants from make sure to buy either native or non-invasive plants. There are so many beautiful options to choose from!

## **3. SPREAD THE WORD**

Share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors so they too can make wise planting choices that benefit our 'āina.

## **FRAGRANT FLOWERS**





### Puakenikeni

(Fagraea berteriana) <u>Water:</u> water until established <u>Sunlight</u>: full to partial sun <u>Growth form</u>: tree <u>Height:</u> up to 50 ft.

### Shampoo Ginger (Zingiber zerumbet)

<u>Water:</u> needs lots of water <u>Sunlight</u>: full shade to partial sun <u>Growth form</u>: herbaceous <u>Height:</u> 4 ft. tall or less



#### Gardenia (Gardenia augusta)

<u>Water:</u> water until established, water in drought <u>Sunlight</u>: full to partial sun <u>Growth form</u>: hedge/small tree <u>Height:</u> up to 12 ft.



## Hōʻawa

(Pittosporum sp.) Water: Little to moderate watering Sunlight: full sun to partial shade Growth form: small tree Height: up to 25 ft.

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## **FRUIT TREES**



Apple banana (Musa sp.) Water: water regularly Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: herbaceous tree Height: up to 20 ft.



Star fruit (Averrhoa carambola) Water: water until established Sunlight: full sun Growth form: large tree Height: up to 30 ft.



Avocado (Persea americana) Water: water until established Sunlight: full sun Growth form: large tree Height: up to 40 ft.



Mountain apple (Syzygium malaccense) Water: water until established Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: large tree Height: up to 60 ft. NATIVES





#### Māmaki (Pipturus albidus)

<u>Water:</u> water regularly <u>Sunlight</u>: full sun to partial sun <u>Growth form</u>: shrub/tree <u>Height:</u> up to 30 ft.



### 'A'ali'i (Dodonea viscosa) Water: minimal watering

<u>Sunlight</u>: full sun <u>Growth form</u>: dense shrub <u>Height:</u> up to 4-8 ft.



### Kupukupu fern (Nephrolepis cordifolia)

<u>Water:</u> water regularly <u>Sunlight</u>: full sun to full shade <u>Growth form</u>: fern, non woody <u>Height:</u> up to 2 ft.

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## **ORNAMENTALS**



**Ti leaf** (any kind) (Cordyline fruticosa) Water: water until established, drought tolerant Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: hedge/small tree Height: up to 20 ft.



Dracaena (any kind) (Dracaena marginata) Water: water until established, drought tolerant Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: hedge/small tree Height: up to 20 ft.



Croton (Codiaeum sp.) <u>Water:</u> water regularly Sunlight: full sun Growth form: ornamental shrub/small tree Height: up to 10 ft. tall



Heliconia (Heliconia rostrata) Water: water regularly

Sunlight: partial shade to full sun Growth form: hedge/cut flowers Height: 1.5 to 35 ft. tall

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#### **Bird of Paradise** (Strelitzia reginae)

Water: water until established, drought tolerant Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: hedge/cut flowers Height: 5 ft.



#### Hawaiian White Hibiscus (Hibiscus waimeae)

Water: water until established, water in drought Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: hedge Height: up to 15 ft.



#### **Cape Plumbago** (Plumbago auriculata) Water: water until established, drought tolerant Sunlight: full to partial sun

Growth form: hedge Height: under 10 ft.



### Natal Plum (Carissa macrocarpa)

Water: water until established, drought tolerant Sunlight: full to partial sun Growth form: hedge Height: 2-20 ft

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