

PONO

/ˈpono/ nvs.

The Hawaiian word pono carries a lot of depth and meaning. The Hawaiian dictionary lists over 80 English translations, with the most common one being "righteousness."

Planting pono means choosing to grow things that are appropriate and beneficial 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

- 3) Select desired plant to learn more



Dracaena draco

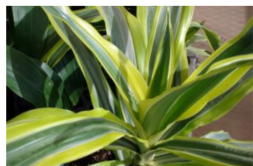
dragon tree, kite tree, Canary Islands dragon tree, drago



Designation: Low Risk

Score: -5

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Dracaena fragrans

corn plant



Designation: Low Risk

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nurseries that
sell non-invasive
plants!



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RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE

Kohala: Your go-to guide for non-invasive,
wind/drought tolerant plant choices



What is an invasive species?

A species introduced to Hawai'i by humans, either on purpose 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 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. CHOOSE 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

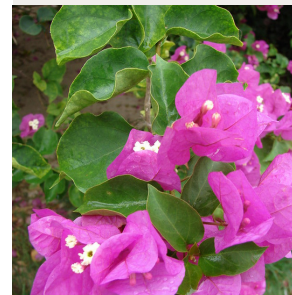
Share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors so they too can make wise planting choices that benefit our 'āina.

COLORFUL



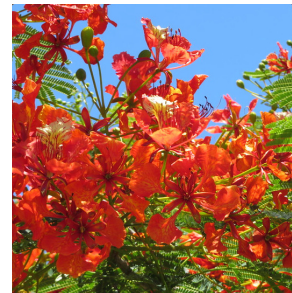
Rainbow Shower Tree (*Cassia x nealiae*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: tree
Height: up to 30 ft.
Wind tolerance: sensitive
Salt tolerance: moderate



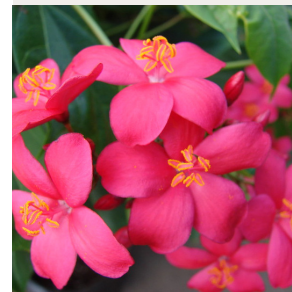
Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea glabra*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: scrambling woody vine
Height: up to 12 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: tree
Height: up to 40 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: moderate



Peregrina (*Jatropha integerrima*)

Sunlight: full sun to partial sun
Growth form: shrub
Height: up to 10 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: moderate

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GROUND COVER



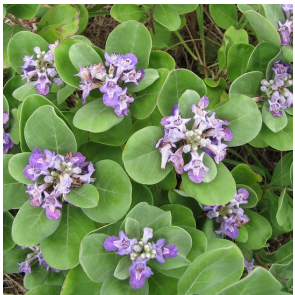
'Ilima Papa
(*Sida fallax*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: herbaceous
Height: up to 3 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Sweet Potato
(*Ipomoea batatas*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: herbaceous
Height: up to 2 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: low



Pōhinahina
(*Vitex rotundifolia*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: herbaceous
Height: up to 2 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Maiapilo
(*Capparis sandwichiana*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: herbaceous ground cover
Height: less than 3 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high

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NATIVES



'Ūlei
(*Osteomeles anthyllidifolia*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: shrub
Height: up to 4 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: moderate



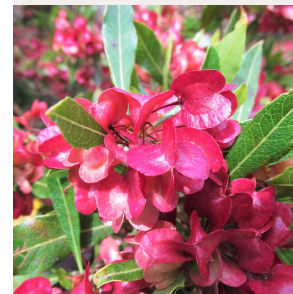
'Ākia
(*Wikstroemia uva-ursi*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: shrub
Height: up to 4 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Koai'a
(*Acacia koaia*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: large tree
Height: up to 30 ft.
Wind tolerance: moderate
Salt tolerance: sensitive



'A'ali'i
(*Dodonea viscosa*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: herbaceous
Height: up to 3 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high

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ORNAMENTALS



Naupaka
(*Scaevola taccada*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: shrub
Height: up to 6 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Dracaena (Dragon Tree)
(*Dracaena draco*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: tree
Height: up to 20 ft.
Wind tolerance: moderate
Salt tolerance: moderate



O'ahu Sedge
(*Carex wahuensis*)

Sunlight: full sun to partial shade
Growth form: herbaceous
Height: less than 2.5 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: moderate



Alahe'e
(*Psydrax odorata*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: shrub
Height: up to 15 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: sensitive

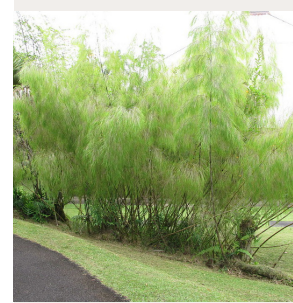
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SHADE



Kou
(*Cordia subcordata*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: tree
Height: up to 35 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Mexican Weeping Bamboo
(*Otatea aztecorum*)

Sunlight: full to partial sun
Growth form: tree
Height: up to 25 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high



Bismarck palm
(*Bismarckia nobilis*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: large palm
Height: 30-60 ft
Wind tolerance: moderate
Salt tolerance: moderate



Hala
(*Pandanus tectorius*)

Sunlight: full sun
Growth form: tree
Height: up to 30 ft.
Wind tolerance: high
Salt tolerance: high

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