

Native Hawaiian plants for honey bees: O‘ahu

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Forbs																
<i>Argemone glauca</i>	Pua kala	<6200	Well drained	Full												
<i>Astelia menziesiana</i>	Pua‘akuhinia	2000-7000	Well drained	Partial-shade												
<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	Water hyssop	<300	Moist	Full-partial												
<i>Bidens torta</i> ⁺	Ko‘oko‘olau	650-4000	Well drained-moist	Full												
<i>Dianella sandwicensis</i>	‘uki‘uki	400-7000	Dry to moist	Full-partial												
<i>Heliotropium anomalum</i>	Polynesian heliotrope	Coastal	Well drained	Full												
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	Salt heliotrope	<6800	Well drained	Full												
<i>Melanthera integrifolia</i>	Nehe	<150	Well drained	Full-partial												
<i>Lobelia hypoleuca</i>	Opelu	2000-5000	Dry to moist	Full-partial												
<i>Portulaca lutea</i>	Yellow purslane	<130	Well drained	full												
<i>Portulaca villosa</i>	Hairy purslane	<2000	Well drained	Full												
<i>Scaevola coriacea</i>	Dwarf naupaka	<150	Well drained	Full												
<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i>	Shoreline seapurslane	<150	Well drained-wet	Full												
<i>Waltheria indica</i>	‘uhaloa	<4000	Well drained-moist	Full												
Vines																
<i>Canavalia galeata</i>	‘awikiwiki	600-2600	Moist	Full-partial												
<i>Freycinetia arborea</i>	‘ie‘ie	1000-5000	Well drained-moist	Full-partial												
<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>	Puhuehue	<2000	Well drained	Full												
<i>Jacquemontia sandwicensis</i>	Pā‘ū o Hi‘iaka	<100	Well drained	Full-partial												
<i>Smilax melastomifolia</i>	‘hoi	600-6800	Well drained-wet	Shade												
<i>Vigna marina</i>	Mohihihi	<1000	Well drained	Full-partial												
Shrubs																
<i>Abutilon menziesii</i>	Ko‘oloa ‘ula	650-1700	Well drained	Full-partial												
<i>Alyxia stellata</i>	Maile	150-5000	Well drained-moist	Full-partial												
<i>Broussaisia arguta</i>	Kanawao	1000-6000	Well drained-moist	Partial												
<i>Capparis sandwichiana</i>	Maiapilo	<325	Well drained	Full												
<i>Euphorbia celastroides</i> var. <i>kaenana</i> ⁺	‘akoko	<1000	Well drained	Full												
<i>Gardenia brighamii</i>	Nā‘ū	1100-1700	Well drained	Full												
<i>Gossypium tomentosum</i>	Ma‘o	<400	Well drained	Full												
<i>Hibiscus arnottianus</i>	O‘ahu koki‘o ke‘oke‘o	390-2500	Well drained-moist	Full-partial												
<i>Hibiscus brackenridgei</i>	Ma‘o hau hele	400-2600	Well drained	Full-partial												
<i>Hibiscus kokio</i>	Koki‘o	500-3000	Well drained	Full-partial												

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<i>Ilex anomala</i>	Kawa‘u	2000-4500	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Myrsine lessertiana</i>	Kolea lau nui	700-7200+	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Myrsine sandwicensis</i>	Kokea lau li‘i	1000-4800	Well drained-wet	Full-partial	—											
<i>Osteomeles anthyllidifolia</i>	‘ūlei	<7600	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Pittosporum confertiflorum</i>	Ho‘awa	550-7000	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Scaevola gaudichaudiana</i>	Naupaka kuahiwi	555-2600	Well drained-moist	Partial-shade	—											
<i>Scaevola taccada</i>	Beach naupaka	Coastal	Well drained	Full	—											
<i>Sesbania tomentosa</i>	‘ohai	<2500	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Styphelia tameiameia</i>	Pūkiawe	<10,000	Well drained-wet	Full	—											
<i>Vaccinium calycinum</i>	Ohelo kau la‘au	1600-5800	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Vaccinium reticulatum</i>	Ohelo ‘ai	2100-12,000	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i>	Pōhinahina	<50	Well drained	Full	—											
Trees																
<i>Acacia koa</i>	Koa	200-6500	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Antidesma platyphyllum</i>	Hame	1500-4000	Well drained-moist	Partial	—											
<i>Antidesma pulvinatum</i>	Hame	<5000	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Caesalpinia kavaiensis/ Mesoneuron kavaiense</i>	‘uhi‘uhi	250-3000	Well drained	Full	—											
<i>Cheirodendron trigynum</i>	‘ōlapa	1600-7000	Well drained-wet	shade	—											
<i>Coprosma pubens</i>	Pilo	1200-6200	Well drained-wet	Full-filtered	—											
<i>Diospyros hillebrandii</i>	elama	490-2500	Well drained	Partial-	—											
<i>Diospyros sandwicensis</i>	lama	<4000	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Erythrina sandwicensis</i>	Wili wili	<1950	Well drained	Full	—											
<i>Metrosideros polymorpha</i>	‘ohi‘a lehua	<7200	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Myoporum sandwicense</i>	Naio	<7700	Well drained	Full	—											
<i>Nesoluma polynesianum</i>	Keahi	425-2100	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Nestegis sandwicensis</i>	Olopua	100-4265	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Pisonia sandwicensis</i>	Aulu	850-3500	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Pisonia umbellifera</i>	Pāpala kēpau	295-2625	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Pittosporum glabrum</i>	Ho‘awa	785-6465	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Psychotria greenwelliae</i>	Kōpiko nui	2000-4000	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Psychotria mariniana</i>	Kōpiko	200-4000	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											

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<i>Psydrax odorata</i>	Alahe‘e	<2700	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Rhus sandwicensis</i>	Neneleau	500-2500	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Santalum freycinetianum</i> ⁺	‘iliahi	800-3000	Well drained-moist	Full-partial	—											
<i>Sapindus oahuensis</i>	Ionomea	200-2000	Well drained	Full-partial	—											
<i>Sophora chrysophylla</i>	Māmane	1400-10,000+	Well drained	Full-partial	—											

+Indicates plant species endemic to Oahu

Bold names indicate plants that have been used in traditional Hawaiian medicine. Note: Do not attempt to consume or self-treat with plants you are not familiar with. Phytochemicals can be toxic, or interfere with other medications you are taking. Always consult a physician before consuming unfamiliar plant materials for medicinal use.

Purple names indicate plants that are used in lei making.

Blue names indicate plants that are edible, at least in part.

Orange names indicate plants that are used in lei making and also edible, at least in part.

*Line color corresponds to flower color (gray=white), however multiple color variants may exist

This table is adapted from “Selecting Plants for Pollinators: Hawaiian Islands Province” (full publication available at <https://www.fws.gov/pollinators/pdfs/hawaiianisland.ecoregguide.final.hi-res.pdf>).

Further information about these plants may be found in the Native Plants Hawaii online database (nativeplants.hawaii.edu).