

‘Ōhi‘a Hold Up the Sky:

Explore links, icons and pictures around this tree to learn how ‘ōhi‘a touch your life everyday, on every island.

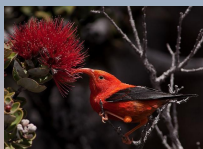
What you can do for ‘ōhi‘a:
[Rapid 'Ohi'a Death HOME](#)



Hale manu:
Rare forest birds prefer to nest in natives like ‘ōhi‘a.



Ecotourism:
73% of birders come from out of state to see species unique to Hawai‘i.



Unique and endangered Hawaiian birds depend on ‘ōhi‘a lehua nectar for food:
listen and see.

More than a legend:
‘Ōhi‘a continue to inspire Hawaiian culture.



‘Ōhi‘a wood has always been valued, from ‘ukulele to wa‘a.



Pālulu makani
Trees can lower wind-speeds by a factor of two.

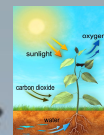


Want to protect reefs and fisheries? Erosion control from canopy to roots: rainfall interception by leaves slows erosion 20-60%.



Harvesting Nā Ao
Native trees collect 30% more water from clouds than simple rainfall. Fuzzy ‘ōhi‘a leaves collect more than alien trees or grass, storing it on leaf surfaces for a time.

Ola i Ka Wai
How much water do you use? Our drinking water is made by native forests: this map shows where and how much for each island.



Trees are made from air:
35-800 pounds of atmospheric carbon are absorbed by one tree each year. Calculate how many trees are needed to offset your lifestyle.

Phytoremediation:
trees take-in, store and alter pollutants.



Malu Ka Lā
Leaves shade the ground and evapotranspiration cools the air up to 9° F.

