

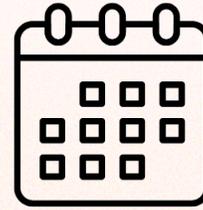


CELEBRATING NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANTS + COLLECTING 1 MILLION POUNDS OF TRASH

We have officially collected over 1 million pounds of trash since our founding 11 years ago! To mark this occasion, we're hosting a volunteer appreciation event that we hope you can join us for on Saturday, September 27th.

We're also busy planning our next fundraiser which is going to focus on Native Hawaiian plants. So in this month's newsletter we'll take a look at some more of our favorites that can be found at our cleanup sites.

Save the Date Upcoming Events



September (All Month) | Give Aloha at Foodland

Shop at Foodland to support local nonprofits like us. Donations made there using our code (79040) will have a portion matched by Foodland.

September 27th 8-10 AM | 1 Million Pounds of Trash Event

Enjoy refreshments and tours of our restoration efforts along the Kaiwi Coastline to commemorate collecting 1 million pounds of trash.

October 16th 7:30-9 PM | Fall Fundraiser

Join us at Patagonia Honolulu for a Native Hawaiian plant sale and information session. We'll have food, drinks, and new swag designs!

More details and RSVP links coming soon!

PĀ'Ū O HI'IAKA



Pā'ū o Hi'iaka, or “skirt of Hi'iaka” (the goddess sister of Pele), are long native vines which have many small light to dark green leaves and small white flowers. It is said that Pele left her little sister Hi'iaka on the shore while she went surfing for a long time. A nearby vine noticed the baby's skin starting to burn from sun exposure and quickly grew to cover her up. When Pele returned and found her sister covered by leaves, she thanked the vine and gave it its name.

A coastal species, they have stems covered with soft hair to help them tolerate dry weather. This plant thrives at sites like Kaloko Inlet, and there are some as keiki at our Nimitz Beach site which are part of our regular watering routine.

The plant had many cultural uses, being used

medicinally as a laxative and to treat babies with thrush. It could also be braided and used to secure cargo during transport.

MAIAPILO



Maiapilo is a beautiful bright green shrub with large, fragrant, showy flowers typically found in coastal environments. The flowers open after sunset and are then pollinated by native moths.

Maiapilo gets its name from the small fruit that turns yellow when it matures, resembling a banana or “mai‘a.” Unlike a banana or the flowers of this plant, the fruit emits a foul odor or “pilo,” giving us the “stinky banana” plant.

In traditional Hawaiian medicine, the entire maiapilo plant was ground up and used to treat broken or fractured bones.

This plant can be found at our Kaiwi and Kaloko Inlet sites, and it is also going to be featured in our new t-shirt design available at our next

fundraiser in October.

WILIWILI



The wiliwili is an iconic tree of the native lowland dry forests of Hawai'i. Wind, drought, and salt-tolerant, wiliwili thrives in the harshest conditions. It is a native nitrogen fixer. You can see this plant at several of our sites, including Pu'u o Kaimuki, Kaloko Inlet, and Kalaeloa (Nimitz Beach).

The lightweight wood of the wiliwili tree was used by early Hawaiians to build canoes, fishing gear containers, and surfboards.

Listen to our Director of Community Outreach, Kimeone Kane, speak more about this important plant at the link below.

WILIWILI OVERVIEW



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The 808 Cleanups Team



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