

# Arbor Day Hawai'i

## 'Akia

Scientific Name: *Wikstroemia uva ursi*

Origin: Endemic



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### Care Tips



Full/Partial Sun



Dry



Well Drained Soil



Moderate Growth



Small Yellow



Height: 2-6ft

Width: 2-5ft

From Hawai'i



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‘Ākia also means "to ferment; very sour, as poi. ‘Ākia is sometimes referred to as the "fish poison plant" since its Roots, bark, leaves and stems were used as a poison to stupefy fish called hola which were then gathered by the early Hawaiians. The plant parts were crushed, placed in a porous container, and sunk in salt water pools. The fish were safe to eat because ‘ākia is not known to be poisonous to humans. Reputable sources mention that ‘ākia was used in old Hawai‘i as a death penalty for those who broke kapu.

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"Hawaiian Natural History, and Evolution" by Alan C. Ziegler,

## Register Your Tree

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