

# Arbor Day Hawai'i

# Kukui



Scientific Name: *Aleurites moluccana*

Origin: Asia, Oceania, Polynesian "Canoe" Plant



## Care Tips



Partial shade



Moderate Water



Well Drained Soil



Moderate Growth



White



Height: 10-30ft'



Width: 10-25ft'



Edible when processed



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**Kukui** Early Polynesians brought Kukui to Hawai'i generations ago. It is culturally important and is Hawaii's state tree! They withstand both steady strong winds and severe storm winds and once established, quite drought resistant. The tree has many uses: the nuts are used to supply omega-3 oil to one's diet, in crushed or roasted form to aid digestion, in sap form to help heal insect bites, sores, and chapped lips, and in mashed or liquefied form with ulu (breadfruit sap) to heal open wounds. The nut oil is used to make candles, which is why it is also known as Candlenut tree.

### ‘Ōlelo No‘eau | Hawaiian Proverb

*Ka malu hālau loa o ke kukui*

*A kukui grove shelters like a house.*

Source: ‘Ōlelo No‘eau: Hawaiian Proverbs & Poetical Sayings by Mary Kawena Puku‘i

## Register Your Tree

O‘ahu is trying to set a record by planting 100,000 trees by 2025! Your new tree can help - all you need to do is register your tree here:

<https://bit.ly/100ktrees>

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Your tree has the best chance of survival if it is planted within the first week of bringing it home!