

Arbor Day Hawai'i

Koa



Scientific Name: *Acacia koa*

Origin: Indigenous to Hawai'i



<https://dlnmativegardenrestoration.wordpress.com/tag/koa/>

Care Tips



Full sun / Partial sun



Moderate Water



Well Drained Soil



Fast Growth



Light yellow, cream,
or white



Height: 15->50ft'



Width: 20-40 ft

From Hawai'i



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Koa are dominant trees in Hawaiian forests and provide habitat for many native species of birds. Koa was the most valuable tree in Hawaii and was used to construct houses, spears, tools, paddles, kahili handles, calabashes and short surfboards. The prime importance of koa for wa'a (canoes) for both the outrigger, kaukahi, the double kinds, kaulua, the small narrow, long light canoes called kialoa, and the Wa'a peleleu, long canoes. Koa has medicinal purposes, the bark was used as dye, leaves for lei, and for religious purposes. Today, it is a prized wood and still used for dyes.

*Koa means "brave, bold, fearless" also
"warrior, fighter."*

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!

