

Explore Hawaii's Living Treasure

# Honolulu Botanical Gardens



Department of Parks and Recreation  
City and County of Honolulu

*We Add Quality to Life*

## MISSION

The mission of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens is to plan, develop, grow, curate, maintain and study documented collections of tropical plants in an aesthetic setting for the purposes of:

### Conservation

The Honolulu Botanical Gardens is dedicated to the conservation of flora from the tropics and subtropics including our own native Hawaiian flora. We are a participating institution of the Center for Plant Conservation, a national network of botanical gardens working to save the endangered plants of the United States.

### Botany

Plants from various geographical areas of the world are grown to support the scientific study of plants.

### Horticulture

Excellent standards of horticultural practice are pursued in maintaining the plant collections of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens. These five gardens have the largest collection of tropical plants in the United States.

### Education

Emphasis is placed on developing quality botanical interpretive programs that will ensure greater public awareness of world conservation issues and increase understanding of the value of plants.

### Recreation

Recreational programs that are appropriate to a botanical garden yet responsive to community needs are being developed. In this way, these gardens can renew our communities by enriching the quality of life.

Photos on right panel:  
Top: *Plumeria* cv., Koko Crater.  
Center left: *Bidens sandvicensis*, Ho'omaluhia.  
Center right: *Colvillea racemosa*, Ho'omaluhia.  
Bottom: *Encephalartos inopinus*, Foster.



## Foster Botanical Garden

A garden in the midst of busy downtown Honolulu? Yes! And here at Foster Botanical Garden visitors find a refreshing change from the chaos of the city. As the oldest of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, Foster Garden displays a mature and impressive collection of tropical plants. Some of the magnificent trees in this 14-acre garden were planted in the 1850s by Dr. William Hillebrand. They marked the beginning of a heritage that became The Honolulu Botanical Gardens.

- Palm collection
- Lyon Orchid Garden
- Hybrid Orchid Display Case
- Prehistoric Glen
- Exceptional Trees
- Foster Garden Gift Shop



## Honolulu Botanical Gardens

Five distinct gardens forming



## Wahiawa Botanical Garden

Cradled between the Wai'anae and Ko'olau mountain ranges in central O'ahu lies Wahi'awa Botanical Garden — the “tropical jewel” of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens. This 27-acre garden and forested ravine dates back to the 1920s when this land was first used by sugar planters as an experimental arboretum. Your tour will take you among plants that thrive in the cooler environment and shady, humid habitat of this tropical rainforest.

- Hawaiian palms
- Aroid garden
- Tree ferns
- Epiphytic plants
- Native plants

Top photo: Lyon Orchid Garden, Foster.  
Left panel: Hawaiian *Pritchardia* palms, Wahi'awa.

## Unique Gardens

is a unique garden system



## Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden

Strolling or driving through these lush four hundred acres in windward O'ahu, you will agree that Ho'omaluhia is truly "a place of peace and tranquility." Opened in 1982, this rainforest garden in Kāne'ohe features plantings from major tropical regions around the world. Special emphasis is placed on conserving plants native to Hawai'i and Polynesia.

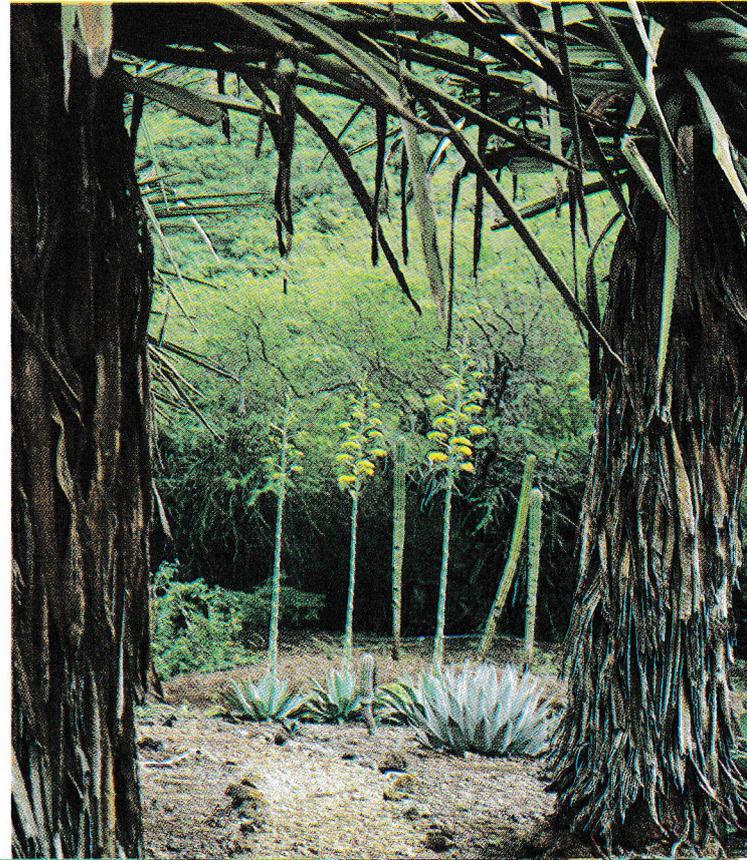
- Hawaiian /Polynesian plants
- Palms and aroids
- Heliconias
- Ethnobotanical exhibits
- Picnic and camping grounds

Top photo: The Lake, Ho'omaluhia.  
Right panel: American Section, Koko Crater -  
Furcraea MacDougalii (foreground);  
Agave sp., (background).

## Koko Crater Botanical Garden

In 1958, Koko Crater at the eastern end of O'ahu was set aside for development into a botanical garden. Collections occupy sixty acres of the inner slopes and basin of this 200-acre crater site. Long-range plans for this developing garden focus on the continued cultivation of rare and endangered dryland plants. Xeriscape concepts are used to transform this dry landscape into a garden where plants suitable to these desert-like surroundings can flourish.

- African plants
- Cacti and succulents
- *Plumeria* cultivars
- Native wiliwili (*Erythrina*s)
- Dryland palms
- *Bougainvillea*



# Lili'uokalani Botanical Garden

Just north of Foster Garden and located between North Kuakini and School Streets, is Lili'uokalani Botanical Garden. Portions of this 7-1/2 acre garden were once the property and favorite picnic grounds of Queen Lili'uokalani, the last reigning monarch of Hawai'i. She later bequeathed her land to the City and County of Honolulu to be used for the public's enjoyment. This developing garden is devoted to native Hawaiian plants.

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*The five gardens of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens are located in different ecological settings around the island of O'ahu. They offer visitors year-round opportunities to explore unique and diverse plant collections.*

#### **Honolulu Botanical Gardens' Business Office and Foster Botanical Garden**

Open daily 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
50 North Vineyard Boulevard  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817  
Phone: (808) 522-7066 Foster Botanical Garden  
(808) 522-7060 Business Office

#### **Lili'uokalani Botanical Garden**

North Kuakini Street, open daily sunrise to sunset

#### **Wahi'awa Botanical Garden**

Open daily 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
1396 California Avenue  
Wahi'awa, Hawai'i 96786  
Phone: (808) 621-7321

#### **Koko Crater Botanical Garden**

Inside Koko Crater, open daily sunrise to sunset

#### **Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden**

Open daily 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
45-680 Luluku Road  
Kane'ohe, Hawai'i 96744  
Phone: (808) 233-7323  
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#### **Admission fee at Foster**

#### **All Gardens Closed:**

Christmas Day, December 25 and  
New Year's Day, January 1.



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