Character	M.pol. glaberrima Photos: Joel Lau, Marian Chau & Adam Williams		Met. pol. inca	
Stature	shrubs to tall trees	Adam Williams	shrubs to tall trees	& Hank Oppenheimer
Leaf shape	ovate or obovate to elliptic		ovate to suborbicular	
Lower leaf surface	glabrous		appressed pubescent	
Petiole length	petiolate		subsessile to petiolate	
Leaf apex (tip)	rounded to acute		rounded or retuse	
Leaf base	rounded or cordate to cuneate		rounded to cuneate	
Leaf margin	flat, rarely revolute		flat	
Inflorescence	pubescent (Rock described it as glabrous)		pubescent	
Bark characteristics	bark rough or separating in thin strips		bark rough	
Elevation	middle to high		low to middle	
Island distribution	Kauaʻi,Oʻahu, Molokaʻi, Lanaʻi, Maui, Hawaiʻi		Oʻahu, Molokaʻi, Lanaʻi, Maui, Hawaiʻl, Kauaʻi	
Other characteristics	NOTE: var. <i>glaberrima</i> and var. <i>incana</i> are known to form hybrids. These can be distinguished by the presence of very light pubescence on the lower leaf surface that can easily be removed by rubbing. NOTE: var. glaberrima and var. incana are known to form hybrids. These can be distinguished by the presence of very light pubescence on the lower leaf surface that can easily be removed by rubbing.			

Character	N	I. polymorpha macrophylla Photos: Forest & Kim Starr and Hank Oppenheimer
Stature	small to tall trees	Forest & Kim Starr
Leaf shape	broadly ovate, large	
Lower leaf surface	glabrous	
Petiole length	petiolate	
Leaf apex (tip)	rounded to obtuse	
Leaf base	rounded or truncate	
Leaf margin	flat	Forest & Kim Starr
Inflorescence	pubescent	With the second secon
Bark characteristics	bark separating in thin strips	
Elevation	middle	
Island distribution	Hawai'l, Maui	
Other characteristics	very similar to	var. glaberrima except for leaf size and bark

Character	M. polymo	rpha polymorpha Photos: Joel Lau	M. pol. pseudorugosa Photos: Hank Oppenheimer		
Stature	shrubs to small trees		prostrate shrubs		
Leaf shape	ovate to suborbicular		small, broadly ovate to suborbicular		
Lower leaf surface	densely woolly or appressed pubescent		densely wooly		
Petiole length	subsessile		?		
Leaf apex (tip)	rounded to retuse		rounded		
Leaf base	cordate		rounded to cordate		
Leaf margin	revolute to rolled		revolute	Spines	
Inflorescence	pubescent		?		
Bark characteristics	bark rough		unknown		
Elevation	middle to high		high elevation bogs		
Island distribution	Oʻahu, Molokaʻi, Lanaʻi, Maui, Hawaiʻi		West Maui		
Other characteristics			growing in high	er elevation bogs on West Maui	

Character	Met. pol. pumilo	r Photos: Adam Williams, M. Chau	Met. waialeale faurei Photos: H. Oppenheimer, M. Chau		
Stature	shrubs		shrubs to small trees		
Leaf shape	broadly ovate to orbicular		Ovate to lanceolate or broadly ovate. Buds narrow, pointed, spatulate scales. Narrow bracts (3mm long x 1mm wide)		
Lower leaf surface	glabrous or lower surface wooly or appressed tomentum		glabrous		
Petiole length	petiolate		petiolate and slender		
Leaf apex (tip)	rounded to		acute		
	obtuse obtuse to		Cuneate to		
Leaf base	cordate		rounded		
Leaf margin	slightly revolute		flat		
Inflorescence	pubescent		glabrous or appressed short- pubescent		
Bark	separating in		Fissured, flaky.		
characteristics Elevation	thin flakes middle to high		High (600-1300m)		
Island distribution	Kauaʻi, Molokaʻi, Maui, Oʻahu		Maui, Molokaʻi, Lanaʻi		
Other characteristics		dle to higher elevation bogs on ï, Oʻahu, and Maui	Narrow bracts t	that fall off early (caducous)	