ʻŌHIʻA
Varieties of Maui Nui

METROSIDEROS POLYMORPHA
VARIETY INCANA

Inoa (Names): ʻōhiʻa lehua (red), ʻōhiʻa mamo (yellow)
Islands: Maui, Molokaʻi, & Lānaʻi
Elevation: Lower
Abundance: Common
Ecosystem: Dry/mesic forest, urban landscapes
How to identify: Leaf undersides are hairy/fuzzy and leaf edges are flat (do not curl under)





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METROSIDEROS POLYMORPHA
VARIETY GLABERRIMA

Inoa (Names): ʻōhiʻa lehua (red), ʻōhiʻa mamo (yellow)
Islands: Maui, Molokaʻi, & Lānaʻi
Elevation: Middle to high
Abundance: Common
Ecosystem: Mesic to wet forest
How to identify: Leaf undersides are smooth/shiny (no hairs) and leaf edges are flat (do not curl under)

METROSIDEROS POLYMORPHA
VARIETY POLYMORPHA

Inoa (Name): ʻōhiʻa lehua
Islands: Maui, Molokaʻi, & Lānaʻi
Elevation: High
Abundance: Common
Ecosystem: Wet forest
How to identify: Leaf undersides are hairy/fuzzy and leaf edges are strongly curled under



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METROSIDEROS POLYMORPHA VARIETY MACROPHYLLA

Inoa (Name): ʻōhiʻa lehua
Islands: Maui
Elevation: Middle to high
Abundance: Uncommon
Ecosystem: Mesic to wet forest
How to identify: Leaves are very large - up to 4" long; leaf undersides are smooth and leaf edges are flat

METROSIDEROS POLYMORPHA VARIETY PSUEDORUGOSA

Inoa (Name): ʻōhiʻa lehua
Islands: Maui (endemic to Mauna Kahālāwai/West Maui)
Elevation: High
Abundance: Rare
Ecosystem: Montane bogs only
How to identify: Small, low-growing shrubs; small leaves; leaf undersides are densely wooly and leaf edges are curled under

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METROSIDEROS POLYMORPHA VARIETY PUMILA

Inoa (Name): ʻōhiʻa lehua
Islands: Maui & Molokaʻi
Elevation: High
Abundance: Uncommon
Ecosystem: Montane bogs only
How to identify: Small, low-growing shrubs; leaf undersides may be smooth or hairy, and leaf edges are flat or slightly rolled

METROSIDEROS WAIALEALAE VARIETY FAURIEI

Inoa (Name): ʻōhiʻa lehua
Islands: Maui, Molokaʻi, & Lānaʻi (endemic to Maui Nui)
Elevation: High
Abundance: Uncommon
Ecosystem: Wet forest
How to identify: Leaf stems are long and red (leaves flutter in the wind); leaf tips and leaf buds are narrow and pointed; leaf undersides are smooth and leaf edges are flat

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