



Mai`a, or banana
(*Musa x paradisiaca*)



Ulu, breadfruit
(*Artocarpus altilis*)



`Uala, sweet potato
(*Ipomoea batatas*)

Food plants important at Nu`alolo Kai that were brought to Hawaii by Polynesian colonizers.

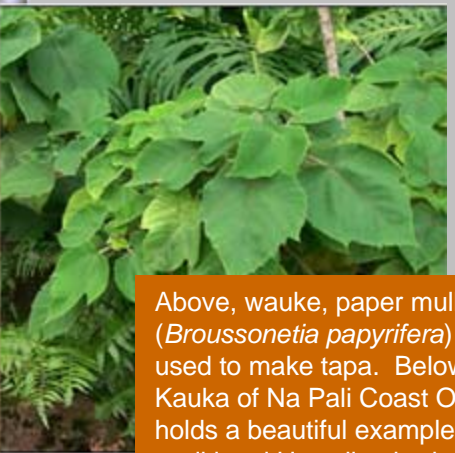


PLANTS OF NU`ALOLO KAI

E komo mai - welcome - to Nu`alolo Kai. Please enjoy the native and Polynesian-introduced plants in our goat-free enclosure. We feature species that grow nearby today - or once did. Many of these also occur in the archaeological sites here, as artifacts, food items, and subfossil seeds or charcoal.



Ipu, bottle gourd
(*Lagenaria siceraria*)



Above, wauke, paper mulberry (*Broussonetia papyrifera*) is used to make tapa. Below, Sabra Kauka of Na Pali Coast Ohana holds a beautiful example of this traditional Hawaiian bark cloth.



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Kalo or taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) was a key part of the traditional diet. Look for it in the small wetland, or *lo'i* in the heiau.



Koki`o`ula (*Hibiscus kokiostjohnianus*) is a rare and beautiful shrub of the highlands above Nu`alolo Kai.

DON'T FORGET: CLOSE THE GATE!!