

Numbers correspond to trailside signs

- 1. Lama (*Diospyros sandwicensis*)**
This slow-growing tree is in the ebony family and is also known as the Hawaiian persimmon. Look for the small red fruit in season. The dark clusters are growth deformities caused by a tiny mite as it feeds on the tree sap.
- 2. 'Iliahi (*Santalum paniculatum*)**
As one of the most abundant trees at Pu'u Wa'awa'a, this native sandalwood takes on many forms across the landscape from a large tree to a small shrub.
- 3. Alahe'e (*Psyrax orodatum*)**
As a member of the coffee family, this common tree features a very hard wood that was used to cut softer trees, and for spears.
- 4. Huehue (*Cocculus orbiculatus*)**
This common vine seen here hanging from an 'ohia tree is the namesake of a neighboring ranch.
- 5. 'Akia (*Wikstroemia spp.*)**
There were many native uses of akia, such as 'auamo (carrying sticks), cordage, binding, fruit for lei, medicinal applications, and to stupefy fish.
- 6. Wiliwili (*Erythrina sandwicensis*)**
Imperiled by the introduced gall wasp, this tree is often seen in its dormant phase without leaves. The wood is lightweight and was fashioned into surfboards, the seeds were made into lei.
- 7. Halapepe (*Pleomele hawaiiensis*)**
Along with lama, this was one of the five hula plants, the golden flower cluster offered upon the halau to commemorate Laka, goddess of the forest and of hula.
- 8. 'Ohe Makai (*Reynoldsia sandwicensis*)**
A member of the ginseng family, 'ohe makai is considered a species of concern as its numbers begin to lessen with impacts to the dryland forest.
- 9. Māmane (*Sophora chrysophylla*)**
When the golden flowers of the māmane are in full bloom, the native Hawaiians would say that the *wana* (sea urchin) were fat. Māmane coverage has vastly declined as the hard wood is useful in many ways and tender seedlings of this legume are quickly browsed by grazing animals.

TRAIL INFORMATION

The Halapepe Trail is a 1.1 mile loop that begins and ends just makai of the Checking Station, runs toward the bluff, along the foot of the bluff, over the fire break road along the highway, and then returns via Volcanite Road. Look for the many large Halapepe as you approach the bluff, and for the beautiful jacaranda flowers in springtime.

- **DOGS ALLOWED on this trail ONLY!** As stated in the Forest Reserve Rules, **dogs must remain on leash at all times.**
- **STAY ON TRAIL:** Area adjacent to the trail is a Game Management Area with active hunting. Failure to remain on the designated trail may result in **serious injury or death.** Many volunteers have contributed to the establishment of this trail. Please enjoy the trail as marked so that you and others may continue to enjoy this hike.
- **BE PREPARED:** Wear proper hiking shoes, sun protection (hat, sunscreen), and bring water. The trail surface is uneven in some places.
- **PICK UP LITTER:** Your *kokua* is needed to keep Pu'u Wa'awa'a clean. Please pack out all of your trash, and pick up any that you see on the trail. Please use the doggie bags provided and discard waste in the trash receptacle.
- **ENJOY YOURSELF:** This trail is intended to be enjoyed by all. Please be courteous to your fellow hikers and dogs on the trail.

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Aloha 'Aina!

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