



Clay's hibiscus or Koki'o ?ula



Plant Botanical Name:

Hibiscus clayi

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Conservatory Room Location:

Hawaii

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

Known as Koki`o `ula in Hawaii, *Hibiscus clayi* is an endangered tree endemic to the dry forests in the Nounou Mountains on the island of Kauai. Today, in the face of logging, grazing, development and invasive plants there is only one naturally occurring population with only four individual plants. Because of habitat protection efforts by botanic gardens, such as National Tropical Botanic Gardens, there is a slow increase in the numbers of plants found in forest preserves. Private land managers also are working to carefully manage use of these threatened habitats.

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