

RARE & ENDANGERED PLANT HIGHLIGHT

HIBISCUS BRACKENRIDGEI

***Hibiscus brackenridgei*, the state flower of Hawai`i, is an endangered plant endemic to the Hawaiian Islands.**

Unfortunately, there are less than 60 plants in eight populations on the islands of Lana`i, Maui, and Hawai`i.

Threats that include development, overgrazing by livestock and feral animals, and competition from invasive weeds have contributed to the drastic reduction in the wild populations.

Measures being taken by conservationists to protect the remaining populations of *Hibiscus brackenridgei* include weed control, fencing to exclude animals, preservation of remaining intact habitat, and conservation of plants and seeds in botanical gardens and seed banks.

