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Plant Botanical Name:

Hibiscus brackenridgei

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Conservatory Room Location:

Hawaii

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

Hibiscus brackenridgei, the state flower of Hawaii, is an endangered plant endemic to the Hawaiian islands. Unfortunately, there are less than 60 plants in islands of Lanai, Maui, and Hawaii, which are protected by the Endangered Species Act. Threats that include development, overgrazing by livestock and fe competition from invasive weeds have contributed to the drastic reduction in wild populations. Measures being taken by conservationists and botanic garde remaining populations of *Hibiscus brackenridgei* include weed control, fencing to exclude animals, preservation of remaining intact habitat and conservatio botanical gardens and seed banks.

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