

Honolulu Board of Water Supply

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FREE XERIC SEED FOR MONTH OF JUNE AT THE HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

Complimentary seeds are available for pick up on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

HONOLULU—Using Xeric plants, aka drought tolerant or hardy plants, in your landscape is not just a water wise decision it's part of a responsible solution to help reduce outdoor water consumption. To help you on your journey to create a drought tolerant landscape, each month the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) are pleased to offer visitors to the garden a free Xeric seed or seedling.

A new seed or seedling will be unveiled on the first Wednesday of each month. To find out what's being featured, please visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/BWSHXG, Twitter at @BWSHonolulu and www.boardofwatersupply.com. If you don't have access to a computer or social media and need more information, you may call Halawa Xeriscape Garden at 808-748-5315. To receive your complimentary seed packet and information sheet about your future plant's origin, care, and interesting facts you may visit the garden at 99-1268 Iwaena Street, Aiea HI 96701, on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The month of June features the beautiful native Akiohala, aka: Purple Hibiscus. Because this hibiscus requires full sun and enjoys minimal water when in ground, it will survive in just about any area of the island. The Akiohala is used culturally as a laxative, its flowers are used as a dye, and its bark is used to make cordage. Your landscape will be graced by its purple/pink blooms that attract butterflies! Visitors receive one seed packet per household, while supplies last.

The BWS and the FOHXG services the community with conservation workshops, garden tours, volunteer opportunities and a fabulous annual plant sale! Native Hawaiian and drought-tolerant plants have been featured at the Xeriscape Garden since September 1989. Xeriscaping consists of 7 simple principles that promote water conservation through planning and design, efficient irrigation, minimal turf usage, soil improvements, wise plant selection, appropriate mulching and good maintenance. A Xeric landscape takes advantage of the natural environment, saves water, time and money for Oahu's homeowners. For more information on how you can take that first step in your xeric landscape journey, please visit, <http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/cssweb/display.cfm?sid=1086>.

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