

## Driving Directions

### Did you know?

- Due to their geographically isolated locations, the plant species that evolved in Hawai'i are highly endemic (found only in one location). In Hawai'i nearly 1,300 endemic species have been described.
- 273 Hawaiian species are classified by federal standards and endangered, and 85 are candidates species. The situation is similar throughout the Pacific and in many other tropical regions.
- The underlying cause of declining endemic plant species is habitat loss and introduction of invasive species by human beings.

### National Tropical Botanical Garden

*To contact the Volunteer Program Office*

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### To Visitors Center (from Po'ipū)

Take Po'ipū Road to Lāwa'i Road (the turn off to Spouting Horn), turn left on Lawai Road, drive 1.7 miles to Visitors Center (located on right)

### To NTBG Headquarters (from Kōloa)

Take Kōloa Road to Hwy 50 (Kaunua'i Highway), turn left at signal, turn left at the signal onto Papalina Road in the town of Kalāheo, cross Waha Road and note that Papalina Road narrows (please drive slowly), continue to end of Papalina Road, park at NTBG Headquarters and register at Front Office.



### To NTBG Headquarters (from Waimea)

Take Highway 50 east, turn right at the signal onto Papalina Road in the town of Kalāheo, cross Waha Road and note that Papalina Road narrows (please drive slowly), continue to end of Papalina Road, park at NTBG Headquarters and register at Front Office.

### To NTBG Headquarters (from Lihu'e)

Head west on Highway 50, turn left at signal, turn left at the signal onto Papalina Road in the town of Kalāheo, cross Waha Road and note that Papalina Road narrows (please drive slowly), continue to end of Papalina Road, park at NTBG Headquarters and register at Front Office.



## Vacation and Volunteer

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The mission of the National Tropical Botanical Garden is to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of tropical regions.

## Come to the Rescue!

**Ninety percent of all plant and animal species on our planet exist in the tropics -- that warm moist belt that circles the earth. And it is in these regions where the extinction rate is the highest. Species are disappearing faster than anyone knows. They cannot be replaced.**



The National Tropical Botanical Garden is dedicated to preserving tropical plant diversity and stemming this tide of extinction, NTBG's gardens and preserves are safe havens for at-risk species that otherwise might disappear forever.

You have the power to help! By volunteering at the National Tropical Botanical Garden you will be making a substantial contribution to the preservation and knowledge of tropical plants and ecosystems. Why not use your time and talent to grow with us?

### What are my volunteer options?

**Mondays** (9:00-11:00a.m.): Lend a hand at our busy nursery facility in the heart of the beautiful Lāwa‘i Valley. You'll be busy hand weeding, fertilizing, washing containers to prevent disease and repotting plants. Optional: Bring a lunch item to share at the pau hana potluck (11:00a.m.)

*Check in location:* NTBG Headquarters at 8.45a.m.

**Thursdays** (9:00-11:00a.m.): Assist in maintaining the grounds of our lovely Visitors Center in sunny Po‘ipū (across the road from Spouting Horn). You'll get up close and personal with native Hawaiian plants, agricultural and ornamental displays, maintain signage and tidy gift shop.

*Check in location:* Visitors Center

**Fridays** (9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.): Join our busy group of crafters every Friday at the National Tropical Botanical Garden's Harrison Chandler Education Center (3530 Papalina Road, Kalāheo).

*Check in location:* NTBG Headquarters.

### What should I bring?

- Drinking Water
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito Repellent
- Closed toe shoes (no flip flops)
- Comfortable clothes suitable for outdoors

### What will I be provided with?

- Appropriate tools
- Clear directions from staff supervisor

### How do I sign up for a volunteer project?

Contact NTBG's Volunteer Program Office at (808) 332-7324, ext. 228 or email [volunteer@ntbg.org](mailto:volunteer@ntbg.org).

### How can I find what else is "growing on"?

National Tropical Botanical Garden has regular lectures and workshops. Visit our website, [www.ntbg.org](http://www.ntbg.org), and check out the Garden Calendar (located by clicking the *Sharing the Garden* tab).

