

Adenanthera pavonina  [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

| Kingdom | Phylum | Class | Order | Family |
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| Plantae | Magnoliophyta | Magnoliopsida | Fabales | Fabaceae |

Common name peacock tree (English), kulalis (English, Guam), pitipitio (English, French Polynesia), vaivainivavalangi (English, Fiji), metekam (English, Kosrae), kulales (English, Guam), kolales (English, Guam), red sandalwood tree (English), telentundalel (English, Palau), la'aulopa (English, American Samoa), lopa (English, American Samoa), carolina (Portuguese, Brazil), olho-de-pavão (Portuguese, Brazil), segavé (Portuguese, Brazil), falso-sândalo (Portuguese, Brazil), peacock flower-fence (English), coral bean tree (English), red bead tree (English), false wili wili (English), bead tree (English), mwetkwem (English, Kosrae), bois de condori (French), kaikes (English, Pohnpei), paina (English, French Polynesia), culalis (English, Guam), vaivai (English, Fiji), lerendamu (English, Fiji), metkem (English, Kosrae), metkam (English, Kosrae), lera (English, Fiji), pomea (English, Fiji), colales (English, Guam), telengtúngd (English, Palau)

Synonym *Adenanthera polita* , Miq
Adenanthera gersenii , Scheffer

Similar species

Summary A medium-sized tree up to 15m high, *Adenanthera pavonina* is native to India and Malaysia. It has been planted extensively throughout the tropics as an ornamental and has become naturalised in many countries. It invades intact, undisturbed hardwood forests as well as disturbed sites and can quickly form large colonies.



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Notes

Adenanthera pavonina is reported to be very invasive in American Samoa and widespread on Kosrae.

Uses

Cultivated as an ornamental; *Adenanthera pavonina* is used for food, medicine, furniture, and fuelwood. The bright-red seeds are used for ornaments and sometimes for food. In the Caribbean, the bright red seeds produced by this tree are known as "jumbie" beads. They are also called "Circassian" seeds. Also, a red dye obtained from the wood is used by Brahmins to mark religious symbols on their forehead.

Habitat Description

Adenanthera pavonina prefers neutral to slightly acidic soils but will grow on a variety of soils in moist and seasonally moist tropical climates. It is common throughout the lowland tropics up to 300-400 m. Optimal plant growth occurs in areas with precipitation ranging between 3000-5000mm.

Reproduction

Adenanthera pavonina reproduces by seed, trees produce large quantities of seed.

General Impacts

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Management Info

Preventative measures: A [Risk Assessment of *Adenanthera pavonina*](#) for Hawai'i and other Pacific islands was prepared by Dr. Curtis Daehler (UH Botany) with funding from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program and US Forest Service. The alien plant screening system is derived from Pheloung *et al.* (1999) with minor modifications for use in Pacific islands (Daehler *et al.* 2004). The result is a score of 7 and a recommendation of: \"Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawai'i and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behaviour in Hawai'i and/or other parts of the world.\"

Pathway

Principal source: [Pacific Islands Ecosystems at Risk, \(PIER\).](#)

Compiler: IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG)

Review:

Publication date: 2006-03-23

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| [6] COOK ISLANDS | [1] DOMINICA |
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| [3] SAMOA | [1] SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE |

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 [1] SOLOMON ISLANDS
 [1] SURINAME
 [1] TANZANIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF
 [6] TONGA
 [2] UNITED STATES
 [1] WALLIS AND FUTUNA

[1] SIERRA LEONE
 [1] SRI LANKA
 [1] TAIWAN
 [1] TOGO
 [1] UGANDA
 [1] VIET NAM

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