

## *po`olā* (*Claoxylon sandwichense*)

EUPHORBIACEAE, spurge family



This species is endemic to Kaua`i, O`ahu, Moloka`i, Lāna`i, Maui, and Hawai`i island (Wagner et al. 1990). Another Hawaiian name for this species on Kaua`i island is *laukea* (Neal 1965; Pukui and Elbert 1986)

Summary statement of uses: The bark and leaves of *po`olā* were used medicinally.

Chun (1994:197) provides translation of Hawaiian *kahuna la`au lapa`au* in describing the use of the bark and leaves of *po`olā* in treatment of a sickness.

Status at Auwahi: This soft wooded small tree is scattered but still relatively common at Auwahi, one to two hundred individuals are scattered throughout the area.