

## Oahu Shower Tree Mapping

- 1) Go to **iNaturalist.org** in your web browser or search for iNaturalist in the app store
- 2) **Download the iNaturalist app** from the app store for your phone
- 3) Open the app
- 4) Create an iNaturalist account or sign in with an existing one
- 5) Tap on “Projects” in the lower right corner
- 6) Tap on the magnifying glass in the upper right corner and search for our project:
  - a. **Oahu Shower Tree Map**
  - b. Tap “Join”
- 7) Tap on “Observe” in the lower middle
  - a. Tap on a means to observe. Usually “Camera” is the best unless you took a picture previously and are posting the observation later.
  - b. Tap “What did you see?” and try to identify the species.
    - i. Note that all shower trees are under the genus “*Cassia*” so you can search for that and ID it as such or choose a particular species.
    - ii. The “Rainbow Shower Tree” will come up if you search for it. It’s scientific name is “*Cassia x nealiae*”
  - c. Fill in any notes that you might find interesting
  - d. The time and location should automatically populate
  - e. For location privacy please leave it set to the default “open” so the shower tree can be located on the map by the project
  - f. If this is a human planted tree (and most shower trees are planted by someone) **choose “yes” under “captive/cultivated”**
  - g. Under “Projects” **switch on the “Oahu Shower Tree Map”** project
  - h. Tap on the green “Share” button at the bottom

Well done! Mahalo for adding your tree to the Oahu Shower Tree Map. Please add more wherever you see them. Note that if you observe any birds, insects, etc. on the shower trees, you can make observations about those and add them to the project as well. Unlike the shower trees, however, these other species are probably “wild” and should be marked “no” under “captive/cultivated”.

Got questions? Contact us at [OahuShowerTrees@gmail.com](mailto:OahuShowerTrees@gmail.com)

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