



Flower and fruit of 'ōhā wai;
Clermontia peleana* ssp. *peleana

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Clermontia peleana ssp. *peleana*, a member of the bellflower family, is found on the Island of Hawai'i. An epiphyte, 'ōhā wai uses species including koa and 'ōhi'a for support as it grows, reaching a height of five to twenty feet. An estimated eight plants exist in the wild in six populations.

Left: 'ōhā wai developing fruit

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