



Hawaii is an incredibly rich and exotic land and culture. Simple appreciation of land and family is prevalent at every turn. Seeking community, health, connection to the earth and connection to spirit is a staple of Hawaiian life. Romantic atmosphere is everywhere and this is why Hawaii is the #1 honeymoon destination in the world.

Since AngelGroup has focus on correcting the "wrong" in the system in order to support family and individuals in Hawaii, we'd also like to provide a little interlude about what makes each island special, and what makes Hawaii stand out for tourism, holidays, vacations, honeymoons and plain old relaxation, away from the stress and cold in other parts of the world.

If you live on-island, you most likely know a lot of this information but...maybe not. Please feel free to send us updated information or correction, or if you have a better picture you'd like to share, please [email AngelGroup](#) .

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**What does the name Hawaii mean?**

Hawaii is possibly based on the native Hawaiian word for "homeland" - Owhyhee

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**What is the Hawaiian State Flower?**

### **Pua Aloalo or Yellow Hibiscus**

The pua aloalo, or yellow hibiscus (*Hibiscus brackenridgei*) was designated the official state flower of Hawaii in 1988 (also called ma`o-hau-hele). Each island has its own designated "official" state flower.

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**What is the Hawaii State Bird?**

### **Nene or Hawaiian Goose**

The nene, or Hawaiian goose (*Branta sandwicensis*) was designated the official state bird of Hawaii in 1957. The nene seldom swims and is not bothered by predators or cold temperatures, so they do not fly as much and their wings are weak compared to other geese. Today the Nene has feet that are only half as webbed as other geese, and longer toes for climbing on the rocky hawaiian surfaces.