





Hāpu'u pulu

Aloha, my name is kahū. I am a hāpu'u pulu, an endemic tree fern. Endemic means I am found in Hawai'i and nowhere else in the world! Unlike ferns found on the forest floor, I grow tall like a tree. You can tell me apart from other Hawaiian tree ferns because I have soft, golden hair or pulu growing on my frond stalks. I play an important role in the forest because my trunk provides habitat that helps to nurture lots of keiki plants.