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# Hīnau

(Whīnau)

*Elaeocarpus dentatus*



Sparklers

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## Characteristics

One of the taller trees of Aotearoa, hīnau have a whole bunch of practical and medicinal uses!

They bear beautiful white flowers and produce edible berries,

Its wide-spreading branches often support a bunch of other plants.



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Hīnau are multi-talented. Not only do they have beautiful flowers and edible fruit, but also useful bark and strong wood.

The fruit can be ground up to make a kind of bread, and the bark is traditionally used in making dye.

**Are you good at lots of things, like hīnau?**



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**What can we learn from  
hīnau?**

**How might we apply this  
in our classroom?**

