

GROUP MANINI

This group, named after the common striped fish manini, is distinguished by green and reddish-purple or purplish-black striped petioles, white corm flesh, and quite narrow, sagittate leaf blades. Formerly it was grown quite extensively under wetland culture, particularly in Wahiawa, Kauai, which was noted for its Manini taros. At present the varieties are grown under upland culture in a few scattered localities for home consumption as table taro. Their popularity has declined somewhat, possibly due to susceptibility to disease or to higher yields of other varieties.