

Aircraft Names



WHAT'S IN A NAME

The meaning behind Hawaiian Airlines' aircraft names

Each aircraft in Hawaiian Airlines' fleet has been given a unique and special name. Our Boeing 717s are named after local birds, our Airbus A330s bears the name of a star or constellation used by Polynesian voyagers for celestial navigation, and our Airbus A321neos are named after native plants and forests.

Long before Western explorers set sail, Polynesian sailors were traversing thousands of miles of open ocean without the benefit of instruments or charts. These wayfarers found their maps in the stars above them, in the celestial bodies that guided them across the Pacific.

Our first long-haul, widebody A330 was christened Makali'i. Known as Pleiades or the Seven Sisters in Western astronomy, Makali'i is a cluster of stars that appear in the Northern Hemisphere's wintertime sky. The star cluster is near Earth and visible with the naked eye. In the Islands, the cluster is highly revered, having guided both Hawaiian voyagers and farmers preparing for harvest and the Makahiki, a traditional celebration that marks the start of the Hawaiian new year.

Makali'i was chosen to be the first name because it would have been a prominent constellation during the time of the year when Hawaiian first took to the skies on Nov. 11, 1929.

The name Hōkūle'a, or "star of gladness," christened our second Airbus (N381HA). Also known as Arcturus, this star is the brightest in the Northern Hemisphere and was the guiding beacon for sailors who made the long voyage north from the Marquesas and Tahiti to Hawai'i.

Below is a complete list of Hawaiian Airlines aircraft names:

A330 Aircraft Names

N360HA	Tutukamolehonua	Gacrux
N370HA	Kuamo'o	Milky Way
N373HA	Kūkalanī'ehū	Aries
N374HA	Melemele	Corvus
N375HA	Humu	Aquila
N378HA	Kaukamalama	[a star that rises with Kawelolani]
N379HA	Pau-ahi	Delphinus
N380HA	Makali'i	Pleiades
N381HA	Hōkūle'a	Arcturus
N382HA	Iwakelii	Cassiopeia
N383HA	Hanaiakamalama	Southern Cross
N384HA	Hokupaa	Polaris
N385HA	Manaiaikalani	Scorpio
N386HA	Heiheionakeiki	Belt and Sword of Orion
N388HA	Nahiku	Big Dipper
N389HA	Kealiiokonaikalewa	Canopus
N390HA	Namahoe	Gemini
N391HA	Hokulei	Capella
N392HA	Hikianalia	Spica
N393HA	Lehuakona	Antares
N395HA	'A'a	Sirius
N396HA	Keoe	Vega
N399HA	Kumau	Polaris
N361HA	Hōkū Mau	In honor of Micronesia navigator Mau Piailug

Boeing 717 Aircraft Names

N475HA	'I'iwi	Scarlet Honeycreeper
N476HA	'Elepaio	Monarch Flycatcher
N477HA	'Apapane	Laysan Honeycreeper
N478HA	'Amakihi	Hawaiian Honeycreeper
N479HA	'Akepa	Hawaiian Forest Bird
N480HA	Pueo	Short-eared Owl
N481HA	'Alauahio	O'ahu Creeper
N483HA	'Anianiau	Hawaiian Honeycreeper
N484HA	'Ōma'o	Hawaiian Thrush
N485HA	Palila	Finch
N486HA	'Akikiki	Kaua'i Creeper
N487HA	'Io	Hawaiian Hawk
N488HA	Puaiohi	Kaua'i Thrush
N489HA	Po'ouli	Black-faced Honeycreeper
N490HA	'O'u	Hawaiian Honeycreeper
N491HA	Akohekohe	Crested Honeycreeper
N492HA	'Ewa 'Ewa	Sooty Tern
N493HA	'Ua'u	Hawaiian Petrel

A321neo Aircraft Names

N202HA	Maile	Vine native to Hawaii used for lei making and celebrations
N204HA	‘Ōhi‘a Lehua	species of flowering evergreen tree in the myrtle family Myrtaceae
N205HA	Kalo	A starchy root vegetable that has served as a cultural and dietary staple in Native Hawaiian history
N208HA	Koa	A native tree that is endemic to Hawai‘i and is praised for its beautiful wood
N209HA	‘Iliahi	Sandalwood
N212HA	Wiliwili	A native leguminous tree found on dry coral plains and on lava flows
N213HA	Lama	A native tree that belongs to the same genus as persimmons and ebony
N214HA	Kukui	Candlenut tree
N215HA	Uhiuhi	A native tree with wood that is hard and heavy and formerly was used for hōlua (sleds), spears, digging sticks, and house construction
H216HA	Mamane	A native tree that is known for its golden yellow flowers that bloom every winter
H217HA	Kauila	A native tree that can only be found on O‘ahu and the Island of Hawai‘i and was once used to construct heavy tools such as poles, weapons and fishing tools
H218HA	Kou	A native tree with soft but durable wood that is commonly used to make bowls and utensils
H220HA	Milo	A native tree that was a popular shade tree. Though it had many uses, such as food bowls and platters, it was considered sacred. It is said that the house of King Kamehameha I in Waikīkī was surrounded by milo.
H223HA	Hau	A tree with lightweight wood and strong, fibrous bark was commonly used in making outrigger canoes. Hau boasts several medicinal properties and is a member of the hibiscus family.
H226HA	Loulu	A palm tree native to the Hawaiian Islands.
H227HA	Olopua	A native olive tree only found in the Hawaiian Islands.