



Cabbage on a stick



Plant Botanical Name:

Brighamia insignis

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Conservatory Room Location:

Hawaii

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

Cabbage on a stick is "Critically Endangered" and is now found naturally growing on only one sea cliff on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. Overgrazing, human development and competition from invasive plants have reduced this species to just a few naturally occurring individuals. The extinction of its pollinator, the sphingid moth, has made it all but impossible for *Brighamia insignis* to reproduce on its own. Conservationists go to great lengths to pollinate these remaining plants and to collect seeds that are grown in botanical gardens or stored in seed banks.

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