

We were invited for an arboretum tour and dinner by Carl and Stacy Evenson.

Carl is a retired faculty member from the University of Hawaii.





Stacy conducted a tour of Maka'alamihī Gardens. The garden is being restored with intention to be opened to the public.





The garden contains some ornamental plants but was primarily planted with utilitarian plants.





Wild pepper (*Piper sarmentosum*) from Asia has a pepper-flavored leaf used as a leafy vegetable or added to dishes like curry.





Cutnut (*Barringtonia procera*) is a Pacific Island native used in agroforestry and as a nut crop.





Breadfruit (*Artocarpus altilis*) is a large tree grown for its large edible fruit. Roasted breadfruit was on the dinner menu.



Breadfruit male and female flowers.



Blackberry jam plant (*Randia formosa*) is a subtropical shrub producing gardenia-like fragrant white flowers followed by yellow fruit.





Blackberry jam plant fruit has a sweet  
black edible pulp with a blackberry flavor.





The fruit's hard shell is cracked between your teeth and the inside pulp really does have a blackberry flavor.





There was a large Jacaranda tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) in full bloom.





Fallen jacaranda  
flowers decorated  
the lawn outside the  
Evenson residence  
where we would later  
have dinner.





After the arboretum tour it was time for dinner.





Dinner included salad, salmon, paella, sweet potatoes, garlic roasted breadfruit and a soursop fruit drink.





Garlic roasted breadfruit.













