

WANTED

ARDISIA VIRENS

Call 808-266-7994



WHAT IS IT?

- *Ardisia virens*, is a shrub to small tree in the Primulaceae (primrose) family, native to China.
- The leaves are dull mint-green color and have scalloped edges.
- Four individual plants were brought to Lyon in 1979 and cut down in 1982, but seedlings are still coming up in areas around the original plantings.

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Evaluated as a High Risk species by the Hawaii Weed Risk Assessment (WRA Score = 8).
- Seeds are easily spread by birds.
- Shade tolerant and does well in a variety of habitats, which could facilitate its invasion into undisturbed native ecosystems.
- Lyon Arboretum is the only known location for *A. virens*. Removing it from the arboretum and preventing its escape into the watershed is the objective of the volunteer trip.

WHO IS OISC?

- The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) is a multi-sector partnership protecting O'ahu from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- OISC focuses on species that are not widely established on this island and can still be controlled or eradicated.
- OISC partners include the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Honolulu Board of Water Supply and

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Allow the OISC field crew on your property to survey for PLANT if asked. According to Hawai'i state law, landowners are not liable for workers surveying for or removing invasive species.
- Report all sightings to 266-7994.
- Do not plant, import, buy, or sell PLANT.
- If found, do not throw plants away! Call OISC for proper disposal.
- Learn more at www.hear.org.



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