

**WANTED**

# Mexican Feather Grass

*Nassella tenuissima*

**Call 286-4616**



## WHAT IS IT?

- Mexican feather grass, or (*Nassella tenuissima*), is a moderately popular ornamental invasive grass, native to the southern United States and Mexico.
- It is a serious weed in New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, and the United States.
- This species has been evaluated by the Hawai'i Weed Risk Assessment, and scored a 24 (Very High).

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Mexican Feather Grass, forms a seed bank that can remain viable up to 10 years, and any shoots not removed from the soil will re-sprout readily.
- This species can become a serious pest of pastureland as it is not palatable to herbivores, and is actively avoided by cattle.
- Mexican feather grass eventually forms dense grasslands, crowding out more desirable species.

## 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 other municipal, state and federal agencies.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Allow the OISC field crew on your property to survey for if asked. According to Hawai'i state law, landowners are not liable for workers surveying for or removing invasive species.
- Report all sightings to 286-4616.
- Do not plant, import, buy, or sell *Nassella tenuissima*.
- If found, do not throw plants away! Call OISC for proper disposal.
- Learn more at [www.hear.org](http://www.hear.org).



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