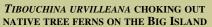


TIBOUCHINA

ALSO KNOWN AS GLORY BUSH, LASIANDRA CALL 808-266-7994













WHAT IS IT?

- All 350 species in the genus *Tibouchina* have been declared noxious weeds by the State of Hawai'i. It is illegal to sell or transport noxious weeds.
- Plants in the genus *Tibouchina* are from the tropical regions of Central and South America.
- A *Tibouchina* plant usually has fuzzy leaves with prominent veins and showy purple flowers.
- Introduced to Hawai'i as an ornamental, it now is a forest weed escaping from yards into natural areas.
- Some *Tibouchina* species are considered invasive in New Zealand and are banned in French Polynesia.

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.

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- *Tibouchina* threatens native areas by forming dense thickets that outcompete and displace native plants.
- T. longifolia, T.urvilleana, and T. herbacea have naturalized in areas on the Big Island including Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.
- T. urvilleana and T. herbacea are included on the list of Hawai'i's Most Invasive Horticultural Plants compiled by the Hawai'i State Alien Species Coordinator.
- *Tibouchina* belongs to the family Melastomataceae, which includes *Miconia calvescens* and many other highly invasive plants.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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



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