


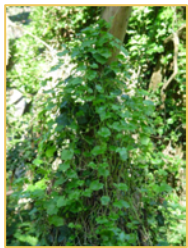


O'ahu Invasive Species Committee's Target Plants and Animals - Leeward O'ahu

Type	Name	Identification	Harm
GRASSES & SEDGES	 PAMPAS GRASS <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	<p>An ornamental bunchgrass that can reach heights of 15 feet.</p> <p>Leaves are long and serrated easily cutting skin.</p> <p>Flowers are white to pink colored, forming feathery-plumes.</p>	<p>Grows quickly, forming dense impenetrable masses that crowd out native vegetation</p> <p>The dry, dead plant matter is a major fire hazard</p> <p>Maui spends \$200,000/ yr. to control naturalized Cortaderia in native forest.</p>
	 FOUNTAIN GRASS <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	<p>An ornamental bunchgrass that can grow to 4 feet</p> <p>Green leaves grow in a cylindrical pattern.</p> <p>Flowers grow in a spike that are purple to white in color.</p>	<p>Fuels brush fires. Areas dominated by this plant may suffer hotter and more frequent wildfires. Major concern for the leeward side of the island.</p> <p>Able of outcompete dry forest plants with numerous seeds that spread by wind but also by humans, vehicles, and animals.</p>
TREES	 JERUSALEM THORN <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	<p>Tree that can grow up 25 feet, with slender branches up to 1 in. long.</p> <p>Seed pods are 2-8 inches long and leaves look feathery.</p> <p>Flowers cluster together and are bright yellow.</p>	<p>Desert adapted, so able to survive in drier areas like Leeward Oahu.</p> <p>Crowd out native species.</p> <p>Long thorns make access difficult, where it can easily grow on beaches like Kiawe turning a pleasurable walk into a nightmare.</p>
VINES	 CAPE IVY <i>Delairea odorata</i>	<p>Popular ornamental climbing vine used in landscaping.</p> <p>Leaves look like a typical ivy with 5 points. Flowers are small and yellow, clustered together.</p>	<p>A weedy pest in England, California, Oregon, Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand</p> <p>Able grow almost any where. On Maui and the Big Island it is smothering native forests.</p>



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F R O G S	 COQUI FROG <i>Eleutherodactylus coqui</i>	<p>Rounded body up to 2 inches long.</p> <p>Color can range from green to brown.</p> <p>Males produce a loud, piercing two-tone call like "Ko-kee."</p>	<p>Coqui calls have become a nuisance for residents and visitors of the Big Island reaching 90 decibels.</p> <p>Lack of predators allow this frog to reproduce without limitations and their voracious appetites threaten native insects and arthropods.</p>

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