

**WANTED**

# PAMPAS GRASS

Call 808-266-7994



*Cortaderia jubata* invading the cliffs above Haiku, Kaneohe

## WHAT IS IT?

- Pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana* and *C. jubata*) is an ornamental bunchgrass from South America.
- *C. jubata*, an invasive plant on Maui and in California, Australia, and New Zealand, is on the Hawai'i State noxious weed list.
- The saw-toothed leaves of pampas grass can cut the skin.
- Planted ornamentally on O'ahu, pampas grass reaches heights of 15 feet with white to pink flower plumes, and forms impenetrable clumps of vegetation.

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Pampas grass grows quickly, forms dense vegetation masses, and produces viable seeds without pollination.
- Each flowering tuft produces millions of wind-dispersed seeds that can easily spread to our upland native forests.
- If not removed, pampas grass is very likely to spread beyond the garden and become a fire hazard, block access to recreation areas, and crowd out our rare native plants.

## 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 remove pampas grass if asked. According to Hawai'i state law, landowners are not liable for workers surveying for or removing invasive species.
- Do not plant, import, buy, or sell pampas grass.
- Report all sightings to 266-7994.
- 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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