

WANTED

TIBOUCHINA UVILLEANA

ALSO KNOWN AS GLORY BUSH

CALL 808-266-7994



TIBOUCHINA URVILLEANA CHOKING OUT NATIVE TREE FERNS ON THE BIG ISLAND



LEAVES AND FLOWER HEAD



Forest and Kim Starr



FLOWERS AND FLOWER BUDS

Forest and Kim Starr

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.
- Native to the tropical regions of Central and South America.
- Glory bush is shrub-like, with fuzzy leaves sometimes having a pale purple outline and showy purple flowers.
- Introduced as an ornamental, it now is a forest weed escaping from yards into natural areas.

WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Glory bush threatens native areas by forming dense thickets that outcompete and displace native plants.
- Glory bush been detected in the Tantalus area in the Honolulu Watershed. OISC is conducting management efforts to eradicate glory bush from this priority watershed.
- Glory bush is included on the list of Hawai'i's Most Invasive Horticultural Plants compiled by the Hawai'i State Alien Species Coordinator.
- Glory bush belongs to the same family as the highly invasive miconia plant.

WHO IS OISC?

- OISC is a multi-sector partnership protecting O'ahu from invasive pests that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- We focus on species that are not widely established on this island and can still be controlled or eradicated.
- Our partners include the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Honolulu Board of Water Supply and many others.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Allow the OISC field crew on your property to survey or remove *Tibouchina* if asked.
- 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.
- ALWAYS clean gear and footwear before and after hiking.
- Learn more at www.oahuisc.org

This publication made possible through grants from the USDA Forest Service and the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council. The Oahu Invasive Species Committee is a project of the University of Hawai'i - Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU). The OISC and PCSU are equal opportunity providers.



O'AHU INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

743 Ulukahiki Street
Kailua, HI 96734
Phone: (808) 266-7994 Fax: (808) 266-7995
E-mail: oisc@hawaii.edu
Website: www.oahuisc.org