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

Type	Name	Identification	Harm
G R A S S E S	PAMPAS GRASS Cortaderia selloana	An ornamental bunchgrass that can reach heights of 15 feet. Leaves are long and serrated easily cutting skin. Flowers are white to pink colored, forming feathery-plumes.	Grows quickly, forming dense impenetrable masses that crowd out native vegetation The dry, dead plant matter is a major fire hazard Maui spends \$200,000/ yr. to control naturalized Cortaderia in native forest.
T R E E S	MICONIA Miconia calvescens	Tree that can grow up 50 feet, but typically seen as seedling to 10 feet tall on O'ahu. Large oval shaped leaves, with 3 mid veins running down the middle, and bright purple undersides.	Large leaves are able to use resources, shading out all other competitors and forming single-specie stands. Less water is absorbed into aquifers and landslides become more frequent due to the shallow root system. Miconia has taken over 62,000 acres of Tahiti's forests.
F R O G S	COQUI FROG Eleutherodactylus coqui	Rounded body up to 2 inches long. Color can range from green to brown. Males produce a loud, piercing two-tone call like "Ko-keee."	Coqui calls have become a nuisance for residents and visitors of the Big Island reaching 90 decibels. Lack of predators allow this frog to reproduce without limitations and their voracious appetites threaten native insects and arthropods.

Help protect your community and report any target plants and animals to 266-7994

