

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

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	 MICONIA <i>Miconia calvescens</i>	<p>Tree that can grow up 50 feet, but typically seen as seedling to 10 feet tall on O'ahu.</p> <p>Large oval shaped leaves, with 3 mid veins running down the middle, and bright purple undersides.</p>	<p>Large leaves are able to use resources, shading out all other competitors and forming single-specie stands.</p> <p>Less water is absorbed into aquifers and landslides become more frequent due to the shallow root system.</p> <p>Miconia has taken over 62,000 acres of Tahiti's forests.</p>
SHRUBS	 GLORY BUSH <i>Tibouchina spp.</i>	<p>Usually has fuzzy leaves with prominent veins and showy purple flowers.</p> <p>Tibouchina plants have been grown as ornamentals.</p>	<p>Threatens native areas by forming monotypic thickets that outcompete and displace native plants.</p> <p>All 350 plants in the genus Tibouchina have been declared noxious weeds by the State of Hawaii. It is illegal to sell or transport noxious weeds.</p>



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S H R U B S	 HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY <i>Rubus discolor</i>	<p>Spiny, woody bramble that grows as a sprawling bush, but may reach heights of 4 m (13 ft)</p> <p>White to pinkish flowers that become shiny black fruit when ripe.</p>	<p>Forms dense, impenetrable thickets that exclude other native plant species.</p> <p>Thickets also make access difficult for hunters, hikers and other visitors to forest.</p>
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-keee."</p>	<p>Coqui calls have become a nuisance for residents and visitors of the Big Island reaching up to 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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