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Pest Alert!



BOCCONIA

Bocconia frutescens

or

Plume poppy





Bocconia infestation in Wood Valley, Ka'u.

It all started with just one planting . . .

In Wood Valley, in Ka'u on the Big Island, one landscape planting of Bocconia has become a 3500-acre infestation within a few short years. Owners of small agricultural lots in the area battle this plant pest as it continues to spread into fields, pastures and forests. It can form dense stands that prevent the growth of crops and landscape plants. Cattle seem to avoid it, probably because it makes a bitter yellowish sap.



Bocconia produces numerous small seeds that are dispersed by birds.

Bocconia can grow to 20 ft. tall, and survives in a range of environments, from the coast to over 5000 ft., and from wet to dry habitats.

How BIISC is helping . . .

BIISC control crews are eliminating this pest by pulling up young plants and applying herbicide to larger shrubs.

BIISC is coordinating with landowners in the Wood Valley, Honomalino and Manuka areas of the Big Island to contain the spread of this weed.



Bocconia thrives in a range of environments in Hawai'i, including dry areas like this one in Auwahi, Maui.

You can help, too . . .

Please contact the hotline number to report any sightings of this weed, especially outside the known areas of infestation. Your kokua is appreciated!

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