

What can you do to help protect Kaua`i?

Your decisions make a difference! Here are actions that help our island.

1. Plant native! Or choose non-invasive alternatives. See these publications (pdfs): [Best Native Plants for Landscapes](#) and [Native Hawaiian Plants for Landscaping, Conservation, and Reforestation](#).
2. Learn which species are invasive. Check out www.hear.org, [Hawaii's Most Invasive Horticultural Plants](#) and [Hawaii's noxious weeds list](#).
3. Listen for coqui frogs and look for insects. Many pests, such as coqui frogs and little fire ants, like to hitchhike on plants. [Hear the coqui's call](#).
4. Ask your landscaper or nursery to sign the Voluntary Codes of Conduct. See the [national program](#) and our [local program](#) endorsed by Kauai Landscaping Industry Council.
5. Report target species to **643-PEST**. The list of KISC target species is on the right column of this page, and other [high profile pests](#) are listed by the Hawaii Invasive Species Council. If you see something new or strange, call immediately.
6. Always have your plants inspected by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture if you are transporting them inter-island. See [HDOA's quarantine policy](#).
7. Use the [Hawaii Weed Risk Assessment](#) before importing or selecting new seeds or plants for your garden. Direct inquiries to chimera@hawaii.edu.
8. Control established weeds in your yard. For assistance on the best methods, contact our local extension office of UH's [College of Tropical Agriculture & Human Resources](#).
9. Ask a botanist or the Plant Doctor. Use National Tropical Botanical Garden's free program to have your plant disease or weed identified. For more info, email outreach@ntbg.org or call NTBG at 808-332-7324 ext. 215.
10. Clean all of your hiking and hunting gear...don't spread the seeds! Check out the new boot scrubbing station at Moalepe Trailhead in Wailua.
11. VOLUNTEER. See what damage occurs in our native forest when weeds jump the fence. Become a weed warrior! Check out volunteer opportunities with [KRCP](#).
12. Educate your friends and ohana. Share this page with someone else.
13. Allow KISC to survey your property. If you think you may have a target invasive species on your property, we can help! Call 808-246-0684.

