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MOST UNWANTED LIST

Keep invasive pests off our Garden Island!

Miconia



Miconia is the most threatening plant species on Kaua`i. It grows to 50 ft with 3-ft leaves, shading out nearly all other forest plants and causing erosion. This plant destroys watersheds and is on the Hawai`i Noxious Weed List.



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Coqui frog

Coqui frogs have loud, piercing calls (90-100 decibels). It has no tadpole stage and rapidly breeds into dense populations. It competes with native birds by reducing insect populations.



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Ivy Gourd



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Ivy Gourd is a highly invasive climbing vine. Introduced in Anahola, it quickly escaped from its garden smothering vegetation and climbing power lines. This plant is on the Hawai`i Noxious Weed List.



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Cattail

Cattail is an invasive rush. It spreads via air-blown seeds and vegetative runners. It is a major threat to the taro industry. It can eliminate habitat for Hawai`i's native water birds.



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Giant Reed

Giant Reed chokes out streams and canals causing flooding because of the large, dense rootstalks that spread rapidly. This plant also burns green which can create a fire hazard.

Pampas Grass

Pampas Grass has sharp-edged leaves and showy flower plumes. It replaces native plants and is a fire hazard. This plant is on the Hawai`i Noxious Weed List.



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Little Fire Ant

Little Fire Ant delivers poisonous stings causing large painful welts that last for several weeks. The photo shows the ants on a chopstick.



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False Kava

False Kava can spread rapidly in a number of ecosystems forming dense thickets. This species threatens the `Awa industry as it reduces product quality, having no medicinal properties.



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Mongoose



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Mongoose prey on eggs and hatchlings of native ground-nesting birds and endangered sea turtles.

To report sightings of these species or for more information, call the Kaua`i Invasive Species Committee at (808)821-1490 or visit the KISC website at www.kauaiisc.org



KISC is a voluntary partnership of government, private and non-profit organizations, and concerned individuals working to exclude, contain and control the most threatening invasive plant and animal species, in order to both conserve Kaua`i's native bio-diversity and to minimize adverse ecological, economic and social impacts.