

WEED OF THE WEEK

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GLORY BUSH

Tibouchina urvilleana



Forest & Kim Starr

Description: Shrub/small tree that grows between 3-12 feet with fuzzy leaves have prominent veins & bright purple flowers

Native Range: Southern Brazil

Distribution: Large infestations in Koke'e that escaped cultivation, also found on Maui, O'ahu, and Big Island

Weed Risk Assessment Score: 10 HIGH RISK

INVASIVE INFO

- On DOFAW's list of Hawai'i's **Most Invasive Horticultural Plants** to avoid planting
- It was cultivated because of its showy flowers, then **but jumped the fence!**
- On the state of Hawai'i's **NOXIOUS WEED LIST**
- Forms **dense stands** that crowd out native species
- **Spreads vegetatively** in moist areas
- Part of the **Melastome Family**, a very invasive family which also includes **Miconia**
- It is **illegal** to sell or transport **noxious weeds**
- **All Tibouchina** species are on the **noxious weed list** because of their proven record and high risk of invasiveness
- Other Tibouchina have **invaded ohi'a forests**
- On Kava'i Landscaping Industry Council's **"Don't Sell" List**

LET'S GET OBNOXIOUS WEEDS OUT OF OUR GARDENS & OFF OUR ISLAND!

**Cultivating Noxious Weeds
Endangers our Native Plants.**

SAVE KOKE'E FROM DA WEEDS!