

# WEED OF THE WEEK

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## GRAPE IVY (OR JAVANESE TREEBINE)

*Cissus nodosa*



Forest & Kim Starr

**Description:** Large vine with reddish-purple flowers and dark red berries, green leaves are 2.5-7 inches long

**Native Range:** Tropical Asia

**Known Distribution:** Very small populations (less than 100 plants) in Lihue & Kalaheo

**Introduced to Kaua'i:** Cultivated as an ornamental

## INVASIVE INFO

- Invasive vines **smother** other vegetation
- Has spread on neighbor islands
- Listed as one of the Division of Forestry & Wildlife's (DOFAW) "**Most Invasive Horticultural Plants**"
- **Seeds spread easily** by birds (like Miconia & Octopus tree)
- On the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service's **Weed List**
- Is a KISC "**Early Detection**" Species, which means it is either not yet known to Kaua'i or here in small numbers

**EARLY DETECTION IS THE KEY!  
TOGETHER, WE ARE KIA'I MOKU:  
GUARDIANS OF THE ISLAND!**

**If you see Grape Ivy on Kaua'i,  
CALL 643-PEST!**