

**WANTED**

# TIBOUCHINA

ALSO KNOWN AS GLORY BUSH, LASIANDRA, PRINCESS FLOWER, GLORY TREE, CANE TI OR LONGLEAF GLORY TREE



*TIBOUCHINA URVILLEANA* CHOKING OUT NATIVE TREE FERNS ON THE BIG ISLAND



*TIBOUCHINA MULTIFLORA*



*Tibouchina longifolia*



*Tibouchina urvilleana*



FIELD OF *T. HERBACEA*

## WHAT IS IT?

- All 350 species in the genus *Tibouchina* have been declared noxious weeds by the State of Hawai‘i. It is illegal to sell or transport noxious weeds.
- Plants in the genus *Tibouchina* are from the tropical regions of Central and South America.
- A *Tibouchina* plant usually has fuzzy leaves with prominent veins and showy purple flowers.
- Introduced to Hawai‘i as an ornamental, it now is a forest weed escaping from yards into natural areas.
- Some *Tibouchina* species are considered invasive in New Zealand and are banned in French Polynesia.

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- *Tibouchina* threatens native areas by forming dense thickets that outcompete and displace native plants.
- *T. longifolia*, *T. urvilleana*, and *T. herbacea* have naturalized in areas on the Big Island including Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.
- *T. urvilleana* and *T. herbacea* are included on the list of Hawai‘i’s Most Invasive Horticultural Plants compiled by the Hawai‘i State Alien Species Coordinator.
- *Tibouchina* belongs to the family Melastomataceae, which includes *Miconia calvescens* and many other highly invasive plants.

## WHO IS OISC?

- The O‘ahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) is a multi-sector partnership protecting O‘ahu from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- OISC focuses on species that are not widely established on this island and can still be controlled or eradicated.
- OISC partners include the Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Honolulu Board of Water Supply and other municipal, state and federal agencies.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Allow the OISC field crew on your property to survey or remove *Tibouchina* if asked. According to state law, landowners are not liable for workers surveying for or removing invasive species.
- Do not plant, import, buy, or sell *Tibouchina* plants.
- Report all sightings to 286-4616.
- If found, do not throw plants away! Call OISC for proper disposal.
- Learn more at [www.hear.org](http://www.hear.org).

Photos: *T. urvilleana* flower, CGAPS. *T. longifolia*, Kim and Forest Starr. *T. herbacea*, Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk. *T. urvilleana* on Big Island, OISC.



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