

The Silent Invasion

An 'Ōhi'a Project Grades 4–12 Supplement
For Educating Students About Invasive Alien Species

The Silent Invasion of Hawai'i by insects, disease organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests is the single greatest threat to the economy of Hawai'i and natural environment and to the health and lifestyle of the people of Hawai'i. Increasing public awareness about the most threatening pests to watch out for, how to report them to authorities, and how to prevent their introduction is critical to the islands' future well-being.

STOP THE ALIEN INVASION START RIGHT NOW!

Please copy this list and pass it on to family and friends.

1. Learn to identify the most threatening pests and report them.
2. Don't release your pets into the wild.
3. Fill out your Department of Agriculture declaration form completely and honestly.
4. When coming to Hawai'i, don't bring plants, fruits, vegetables or illegal animals with you.
5. Mail-order wisely and ask friends and relatives not to send you plants or animals through the mail.
6. Landscape with native plants or non-pest ornamentals.
7. Clean your hiking boots, running shoes, backpacks, and other gear before you enter native forest areas or travel interisland.
8. Don't spread crop pests by sharing diseased plants.
9. If you sail or fly, keep a clean ship.
10. Spread the word. Share this information with a friend.

Do the right thing! Report sightings of animals, plants, and insects that don't belong in Hawai'i to the Department of Agriculture.

Call ASK-2000 (275-2000) to get the phone number you need!

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