Fire risk report for *Arctotheca calendula*

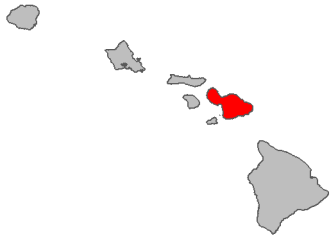
Full Species Name
Arctotheca calendula (L.) Levyns

Family: Asteraceae

Common names:
Capeweed
Cape dandelion

Synonyms:

Known occurrences (as of 2020)



Year first documented as naturalized in Hawai'i: 2016

This species has been ranked by the Hawai'i Weed Risk Assessment program as High Risk with a score of 24.

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Lowest risk ⇔ Highest risk

This species is likely a **low** fire risk in Hawai'i with a fire risk score of **0.25**.

This species was ranked by our machine learning algorithm using the data presented on the next page. A predicted score of > .34 suggests the plant is a high fire risk.

Summary of Fire ecology	
Native habitat fire proneness	Fire-prone
Fire promoting plant in its native range	No
Fire promoting plant in its introduced range*	No
Regenerates after fire	Yes
Promoted by fire	Yes
Reported flammable*	Low
Relative is flammable*	No

*These values were used by the model to predict fire risk

Detailed summary of Fire Ecology

Native habitat fire proneness (In any part of the plant's native range is its habitat described as fire prone due to natural or human caused fires?)	Fire-prone	"[Listed as occurring in south african fynbos]" https://core.ac.uk/reader/37401554 Marais, K. E. (2012). Postfire regeneration of mountain fynbos by resprouting: a comparison of species with different life history types (Doctoral dissertation, Stellenbosch: Stellenbosch University). ---------- "[Found after Aug 23rd fire on Oct 10th; in south african fynbos]" Richardson, G. R., Lubke, R. A., & Guillarmod, A. J. (1984). Regeneration of grassy fynbos near Grahamstown (Eastern Cape) after fire. South African Journal of Botany, 3(3), 153-162.
Fire promoting plant in its native range (Does the species act as a major fuel source, increase fire severity, frequency, or modify fuel bed characteristics within its native range?)	No	
Fire promoting plant in its introduced range (Same as Fire Promoting Native but within the species introduced range)	No	
Regenerates after fire (Does the plant regrow after fire by any means? This includes resprouters, reseeders, and recruiters which dispersed into the area within approximately one year post fire)	Yes	"[Listed as non-sprouter as fire response, in the context of this paper it means it regenerates from fire by seed]" https://core.ac.uk/reader/37401554 Marais, K. E. (2012). Postfire regeneration of mountain fynbos by resprouting: a comparison of species with different life history types (Doctoral dissertation, Stellenbosch: Stellenbosch University). ---------- "[Found after Aug 23rd fire on Oct 10th]" Richardson, G. R., Lubke, R. A., & Guillarmod, A. J. (1984). Regeneration of grassy fynbos near Grahamstown (Eastern

		Cape) after fire. South African Journal of Botany, 3(3), 153-162.
Promoted by fire (Does the plant increase in abundance after a fire?)	Yes	"Non-native seedlings such as Hypochaeris sp., Arctotheca calendula, Sonchus sp. and Ursinia anthemoides represented between 5% (control treatment) and 12% (fire treatment) of total seedling emergence" Cochrane, A., Monks, L., & Lally, T. (2007). Response of the germinable soil-stored seed bank of a remnant reserve in the southern Western Australia agricultural zone to smoke and fire treatment. Journal of the Royal Society of Western Australia, 90, 47. --- "[Found cover increased from 68% of plots to 80% after fire. table 1]" Gibson-Roy, P., Moore, G., & Delpratt, J. (2010). Testing methods for reducing weed loads in preparation for reconstructing species-rich native grassland by direct seeding. Ecological Management & Restoration, 11(2), 135-139. --- "[Appeared in 3/60 plots after fire; was not present before fire]" #weak evidence Milberg, P., & Lamont, B. B. (1995). Fire enhances weed invasion of roadside vegetation in southwestern Australia. Biological Conservation, 73(1), 45-49. --- "[set seed 38weeks after fire]" Kubiak, P. J. (2009). Fire responses of bushland plants after the January 1994 wildfires in northern Sydney. Cunninghamia, 11, 131-165.
Reported flammable (Is the species described as being flammable, being a major wildfire fuel, or high fire risk?)	Low	"[Listed as a fire resistant groundcover]" http://www.southlakefiresafecouncil.org/plants.html
Relative is flammable (Does a plant in the same genus meet the Reported Flammable criteria?)	No	no evidence

Text in quotes are direct quotes from the source
Text in square brackets was added by the assessor to clarify something or to summarize from a figure.
Text preceded by a "#" is comment from the assessor

The data presented were assembled from literature and database searches for each species using as much data as could be collected regarding the plant's fire ecology under natural conditions. Searches aimed to be exhaustive and consist of as much data as could be located in 2020. Our machine learning algorithm was trained on 49 species of plants which had their fire risk ranked by 49 managers in Hawai'i in November 2020. The model used a conditional random forest regression algorithm to predict scores for each species using the manager score as the response variable and the fire ecology traits of each plant as the predictor variables to generate a fire risk score. This trained model was then used to predict the fire risk for all species which were not ranked by managers. The model was calibrated such that it is 90% accurate at predicting high fire risk plants and 79% accurate at predicting low fire risk plants. This research and the resulting fire risk model has been published in the journal Biological Invasions by Kevin Faccenda and Curt Daehler (both at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa).

Note that the analysis doesn't account for a plant species' spatial distribution, population density, or distinct climate and ecosystem conditions (which can also influence fire risk). The fire risk of these species are mostly under "worst case" environmental conditions where the climate is dry enough to maintain fire, but wet enough to allow for plant growth and fuel accumulation. The fire risk ranking should not be taken as a stand-alone risk metric in prioritizing weed control efforts. Rather, this information may also be useful for determining if a newly discovered species poses a potential fire threat in wildland areas.

More general information on the weed risks and ecology of non-native plants in Hawai'i is available from the Hawai'i Invasive Species Committee's Weed Risk Assessment database.

View more fact sheets at https://www.pacificfireexchange.org/weed-fire-risk-assessments

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