


Fire risk report for *Hedypnois rhagadioloides*

Full Species Name <i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> (L.) F.W. Schmidt
Family: Asteraceae
Common names: scaly hawkbit Cretanweed
Synonyms: <i>Hedypnois cretica</i>
Known occurrences (as of 2020) 
Year first documented as naturalized in Hawai'i: 2013
This species has not yet been ranked by the Hawai'i Weed Risk Assessment program as of 2020.
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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	Uncertain
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?)	Uncertain	
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, reseeder, and recruiters which dispersed into the area within approximately one year post fire)	Yes	<p>"Other species, that greatly increased their abundance after fire (e.g. <i>Nassella trichotoma</i>) or that were only present in the burned plots (e.g. <i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i>), are probably emerging from the soil seed bank (A Loydi, pers. obs.)."</p> <p>Loydi, A., Funk, F. A., & García, A. (2020). Vegetation recovery after fire in mountain grasslands of Argentina. <i>Journal of Mountain Science</i>, 17(2), 373-383.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"Burned chaparral and oak woodland; entire area swept by intense fire last fall"</p> <p>https://sernecportal.org/portal/collections/individual/index.php?occid=26760649</p>
Promoted by fire (Does the plant increase in abundance after a fire?)	Yes	<p>"Other species, that greatly increased their abundance after fire (e.g. <i>Nassella trichotoma</i>) or that were only present in the burned plots (e.g. <i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i>), are probably emerging from the soil seed bank (A Loydi, pers. obs.)."</p>

		<p>Loydi, A., Funk, F. A., & García, A. (2020). Vegetation recovery after fire in mountain grasslands of Argentina. <i>Journal of Mountain Science</i>, 17(2), 373-383.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"In autumn 2003, <i>Goodenia jascicularis</i>, *<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> and *<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> were more frequent at unburnt sites (Table 5.9)..... In autumn 2003, *<i>Hedypnois rhagadioloides</i> increased in frequency at sites burnt twice, but not at sites burnt once in spring 2002, while *<i>Medicago truncatula</i> was more frequent at sites burnt once in spring (Table 5.12). "</p> <p>https://rune.une.edu.au/web/bitstream/1959.11/22183/6/open/SOURCE05.pdf</p> <p>Lewis, T., Reid, N., Clarke, P., & Whalley, W. (2006). Management for conservation of plant diversity in native grasslands of the Moree Plains, NSW.</p>
Reported flammable (Is the species described as being flammable, being a major wildfire fuel, or high fire risk?)	Low	Low, this species will likely contribute negligible fuels to an ecosystem.
Relative is flammable (Does a plant in the same genus meet the Reported Flammable criteria?)	No	

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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