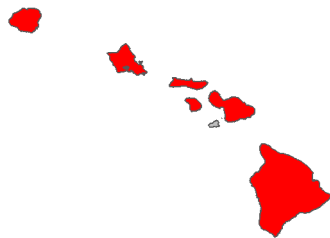


Fire risk report for *Rubus rosifolius*

Full Species Name <i>Rubus rosifolius</i> Sm.
Family: Rosaceae
Common names: thimbleberry Mauritius raspberry
Synonyms:
Known occurrences (as of 2020) 
Year first documented as naturalized in Hawai'i: 1915
This species has been ranked by the Hawai'i Weed Risk Assessment program as High Risk with a score of 10.
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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 **0.22**.

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	Non 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	No
Reported flammable*	No Data
Relative is flammable*	Yes

*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?)	Non Fire-prone	"R. rosifolius is moderately shade and drought intolerant and prefers moist fertile soils. It grows best in sunny areas with high precipitation (>1800mm annually) in tropical and subtropical habitats" #generally of wet areas https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/118972
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	"Invasive P. conjugatum had higher relative cover (12%) following fire than in the unburned site (0.2%) and two potentially invasive species colonized the postfire environment (Rubus rosifolius and Axonopus fissifolius). The nonnative vine Passiflora edulis was the most abundant species (11% cover)." Ainsworth, A., & Kauffman, J. B. (2010). Interactions of Fire and Nonnative Species Across an Elevation/Plant Community Gradient in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Biotropica, 42(6), 647–655. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1744-7429.2010.00636.x ----- "[occured post fire (AF) but not before fire (PF); table 1]" http://www.bioline.org.br/pdf?cf13002 de Camargos, V. L., Martins, S. V., Ribeiro, G. A., Carmo, F. M. D. S., & da Silva, A. F. (2013). The influence of fire on the soil seed bank in semideciduous forest. Ciência Florestal, 23(1), 19-28.

		----- "A number of weeds promoted by fire included *Conyza canadensis and *Cirsium vulgare. Both were widely distributed. Although few alien species were likely to persist, single populations of *Rubus fruticosus sp. agg. and *Phytolacca octandra were recorded. " Chesterfield, E. A., Taylor, S. J., & Molnar, C. D. (1991). Recovery after Wildfire: Warm Temperate Rainforest at Jones Creek, East Gippsland, Victoria. Australian Forestry, 54(3), 157–173. https://doi.org/10.1080/00049158.1991.10674573
Promoted by fire (Does the plant increase in abundance after a fire?)	No	"Although Setyawan [3] was unable to find Rubus fraxinifolius and Rubus rosaefolius, the abundance of these two species was very small in the 2017-2018 study. In the 1993 and 1998 studies, it was known that the abundance of four other Rubus species had decreased but the distribution was relatively similar. In 2017-2018, it turned out that the distribution of the four types of Rubus tended to be different and their abundance much reduced. This is most likely due to two major fires that occurred in 1997 and 2015 which caused some areas of Mount Lawu to experience succession. The event of this succession caused differences in plant species diversity at the time before the fire event and afterward" https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1755-1315/200/1/012009/pdf Setiyadi, W., & Budiastuti, M. S. (2018, November). Exploration, abundance and nutrient potential of Rubus in Lawu Mountain, Indonesia. In IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science (Vol. 200, No. 1, p. 012009). IOP Publishing.
Reported flammable (Is the species described as being flammable, being a major wildfire fuel, or high fire risk?)	No Data	
Relative is flammable (Does a plant in the same genus meet the Reported Flammable criteria?)	Yes	"Like some other blackberries, the canes and foliage of wine raspberry are likely highly flammable (see Immediate fire effect on plant). In addition, wine raspberry may form dense thickets ([73], a fact sheet), leading to complete change of physical structure in invaded communities. Thus, wine raspberry has the potential to substantially alter fuel loads and fire behavior. More information is needed on these topics."

		https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/shrub/rubpho/all.html
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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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