

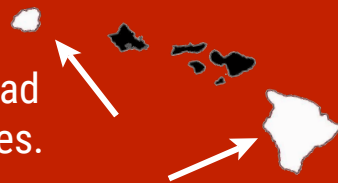


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Be On the
Look Out!

Andropogon bicornis

(Barbas de Indio)

Your kōkua is needed to prevent its spread
and protect people and our native species.



Facts:

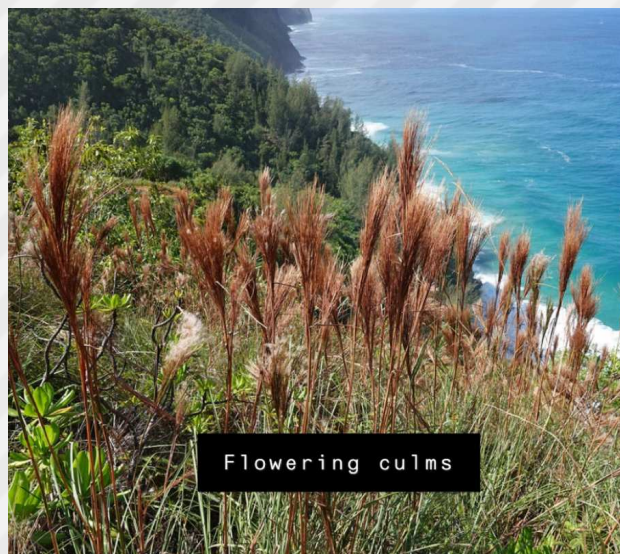
- **Ranked as a high fire risk** by Hawai'i land managers
- Large bunch grass that accumulates dry leaves, **posing a fire hazard**
- Grows in thickets that can **burn well even at high humidity**
- **Increases in abundance after a fire** making it difficult to eradicate
- Grows along roadsides, commonly invading disturbed areas, pastures and dry shrublands

Distribution:

- **Widespread on Kaua'i** in Kōke'e State Park in the Awa'awapuhi Valley, the end of Awa'awapuhi Trail and at the lookout
- **Detected on Hawai'i Island in 2003**
- **Seen in Hilo, Hawai'i Island in 2020**

Identification:

- **White, feathery spikelets** are found on reddish flowering culms that look like small upright brooms
- **Grows in large flowering culms** with narrow grass blades, less than a 1/4 inch wide
- Can grow up to **8 feet tall**
- Can be confused with 3 other species: *Andropogon glomeratus*, *Andropogon virginicus* and *Schizachyrium scoparium*
- Successful identification requires mature, complete specimens so **reporting possible sightings is the most important thing to do**



How You Can Help:

- **Stay on marked trails**
- **Wash gear and boots before and after visiting at risk areas;** this will help prevent the spread of seeds
- **Report any sightings outside of Kaua'i to the 643-Pest app** so *Andropogon bicornis* can be identified and removed
- Note where you found it and **take photos** if possible
- Do not attempt to pull it out, only report sightings



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