

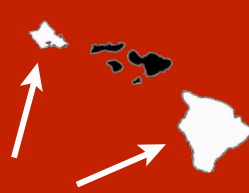


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Be On the
Look Out!

Chromolaena odorata

(devil weed)

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



Facts:

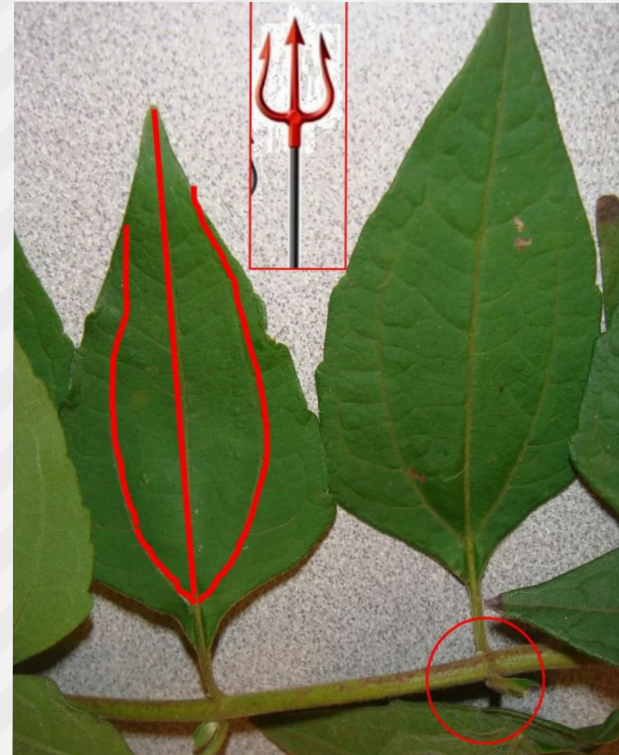
- Flourishes in newly disturbed areas, can be a fire hazard in dry areas
- Dry stems and leaves are **rich in oils that burn easily**
- Creates **thickets** that increase fuel load which increases fire intensity
- Wind-dispersed **seeds may stick to clothing** or animal fur
- Produces thousands of **seeds that rapidly germinate** in disturbed soil
- Burned plants can **regrow quickly**
- Produces chemicals that slow the growth of other plants
- Can be toxic to animals when consumed
- Designated as a Hawai'i noxious weed

Distribution:

- First detected at the Kahuku Training Area in **O'ahu in 2011**
- Has been on O'ahu near 'Aiea loop trail, Schofield Barracks, Pūpūkea and Sunset Beach area
- **Most recently detected on the east side of Hawai'i Island in 2021**

Identification:

- **Leaves have a distinctive 3 vein "pitchfork" pattern**
- Can grow as a woody shrub up to 10 feet and can climb up nearby vegetation up to 30 feet tall
- Leaves extend from the stems in opposing pairs
- Stem and leaves are light green with velvety hairs
- Flowers are in clusters and are a whitish-pale purple
- Crushed leaves emit a pungent odor



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 O'ahu to 643-PEST app** so *Chromolaena odorata* can be identified and removed
- Note where you found it and **take photos** if possible
- If you see this plant on O'ahu, remove entire plant (including roots) and dispose of it as rubbish in a sealed plastic bag. Ensure that any seeds are sealed in the bag.



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