

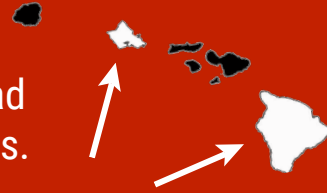


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Be On the
Look Out!

Tagetes minuta

(stink weed)

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



Facts:

- Dry plants may easily burn and carry fires
- Fire strongly promotes new growth
- New colonies form rapidly and can germinate in extreme heat
- Grows where soil has been disturbed
- Each plant can produce over 29,000 seeds and **95% of seeds are viable**
- **Dispersed by wind** or by sticking to clothing and animal fur
- Produces chemicals that suppress the growth of other plants
- Sap can be a skin irritant



Distribution:

- Widespread on Hawai'i Island
- Possible previous sightings on O'ahu, near Makiki
- This plant may have been planted elsewhere in Hawai'i

Identification:

- Grows up to 3 feet tall
- Stems are brownish to reddish and grooved
- Flowers occur in clusters and are yellowish with small white petals
- Has **narrow, pointed leaves** with wavy edges
- **Plant has a strong odor, even from far away**



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 Hawai'i Island to the 643-Pest app so *Tagetes minuta* 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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