

ALERT! HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE HILO DRAG STRIP AREA?



Devil weed
(*Chromolaena odorata*)



CHECK FOR DEVIL WEED IN YOUR BACKYARD



LOOK FOR PITCHFORK VEINS

Devil weed



DON'T CONFUSE WITH

Goatweed



LOCATION: East Hawai'i

BACKGROUND:

Devil weed is considered one of the world's worst 100 invasive species and a Noxious Weed in Hawaii. It was first detected in Kahuku on O'ahu in 2011 and was found for the first time on the Big Island in 2021. Seeds from devil weed are very sticky and can be unintentionally spread on vehicles, gear, clothing, and equipment. For more information on devil weed, visit biisc.org

DESCRIPTION:

- Arrow-shaped leaves
- Toothed edges & pitchfork veins
- White to light purple flowers
- Flowers bloom from Dec. to Feb.
- Thrives in open sunny areas
- Forms dense thickets

THREATS:

- Noxious Weed
- Skin irritant
- Respiratory irritant
- Toxic to animals
- Promotes wildfire
- Agricultural pest

WE WILL REMOVE IT FOR FREE:

BIISC and HDOA are working to find and eradicate devil weed populations on Hawai'i Island. If you've spotted this plant on your property, don't pull it out. Please contact us and we will carefully remove it for you.

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