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# DEVIL WEED

*(Chromolaena odorata)*



Devil weed invading a pasture in East Timor (Photo: JB Friday)

This highly invasive, noxious weed was recently detected in Hilo & Puna and we need your help finding new populations. Devil weed spreads aggressively, forming dense thickets around 4-6 feet high. Seeds can be unintentionally spread by hikers, vehicles, and equipment.

BIISC is working with the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to eradicate this devil weed from Hawai'i Island.

## IMPACTS:

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



In the open, devil weed grows as a dense tangling bush.



Look for arrow-shaped leaves with pitchfork veins & toothed edges.



Look for small flower clusters, from pale purple to off-white.



Seeds can cling to hair, clothing, shoes, tires, and other surfaces.

## Don't confuse with: Billygoat weed (*Ageratum conyzoides*)



Devil weed can be easily confused with other weedy species. Snap a few pictures & e-mail it to BIISC so we can properly identify it for you.

If you spot devil weed on your property, please contact BIISC and we will gladly remove it for free. For more information, visit our website at [biisc.org](http://biisc.org)



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