



Hawaii's Most Invasive Horticultural Plants



This is a list of the worst invasive horticultural plants in Hawaii as put forth by the Hawaii State Alien Species Coordinator (Department of Land & Natural Resources [DLNR], Division of Forestry & Wildlife [DOFAW]). It is urged that species on this list not be grown anywhere in the state of Hawaii.

For more information about invasiveness of these & other horticultural plants, the problems they cause, and the criteria by which these species were selected for this list, see the [introductory text](#) for this site.

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Species (Family)	Common Name	Other names
<u>Acacia confusa</u> (Fabaceae)	Formosan koa	
<u>Angiopteris evecta</u> (Marattiaceae)	mule's foot fern	giant fern
<u>Antigonon leptopus</u> (Polygonaceae)	Mexican creeper	mountain rose, coral bells, confederate vine, chain-of-love, hearts-on-a-chain
<u>Ardisia crenata</u> (Myrsinaceae)	Hilo holly	hens eyes, <i>Ardisia crispa</i> , <i>Ardisia crenulata</i>
<u>Ardisia elliptica</u> (Myrsinaceae)	shoebutton ardisia	<i>Ardisia humilis</i> , <i>Ardisia solanacea</i> , <i>Ardisia squamulosa</i>
<u>Artabotrys hexapetalus</u> (Annonaceae)	climbing ylang-ylang	lanalana
<u>Arthrostemma ciliatum</u> (Melastomataceae)	arthrostemma	<i>Arthrostemma latifolia</i> , <i>Arthrostemma fragile</i>
<u>Asparagus densiflorus</u> (Liliaceae)	asparagus fern	sprengeri fern, foxtail asparagus, <i>Asparagus sprengeri</i> Regel
<u>Asparagus setaceus</u> (Liliaceae)	climbing asparagus fern	plumosa, <i>Asparagus plumosus</i> Baker, <i>Protasparagus plumosus</i>
<u>Azolla</u> (all species) (Azollaceae)	mosquito fern	ferny azolla
<u>Buddleja davidii</u> (Buddlejaceae)	orange-eyed butterfly bush	summer lilac, buddleia
<u>Buddleja madagascariensis</u>	butterfly bush	smoke bush, buddleia

(Buddlejaceae)		
<u>Carmona retusa</u> (Boraginaceae)	Fukien tea	Philippine tea, <i>Carmona microphylla</i> , <i>Ehretia buxifolia</i> , <i>Ehretia microphylla</i>
<u>Casuarina</u> (all species) (Casuarinaceae)	ironwood	Australian pine, she-oak, beefwood, toa
<u>Cestrum diurnum</u> (Solanaceae)	day cestrum	makahala, Chinese inkberry
<u>Cestrum nocturnum</u> (Solanaceae)	night cestrum	night-blooming jasmine, 'Ala-aumoe, kupaoa, onaona-iapana
<u>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</u> (Sapotaceae)	satin leaf	caimitillo; <i>Chrysophyllum monopyrenum</i>
<u>Cinnamomum burmannii</u> (Lauraceae)	Padang cassia	cinnamon tree
<u>Cissus nodosa</u> (Vitaceae)	grape ivy	
<u>Citharexylum caudatum</u> (Verbenaceae)	fiddlewood	juniper berry
<u>Citharexylum spinosum</u> (Verbenaceae)	fiddlewood	<i>Citharexylum quadrangulare</i>
<u>Clerodendrum buchanani</u> (Verbenaceae)	pagoda flower	lau'awa, <i>Clerodendrum fallax</i> , <i>C. speciosissimum</i>
<u>Clerodendrum chinense</u> (Verbenaceae)	glory bower	<i>Clerodendrum philippinum</i> , <i>Clerodendrum fragrans</i>
<u>Clerodendrum macrostegium</u> (Verbenaceae)	(no common name)	
<u>Clusia rosea</u> (Clusiaceae)	autograph tree	copey, Scotch attorney
<u>Coccinia grandis</u> (Cucurbitaceae)	ivy gourd	scarlet-fruited gourd
<u>Conocarpus erectus</u> (Combretaceae)	buttonwood	sea mulberry, button mangrove
<u>Cortaderia jubata</u> and <u>Cortaderia selloana</u> (Poaceae)	pampas grass	
<u>Cotoneaster pannosus</u> (Rosaceae)	cotoneaster	
<u>Cryptostegia</u> (all species) (Asclepidaceae)	rubber vine, India rubber vine	(includes <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i> and <i>Cryptostegia madagascariensis</i>)
<u>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</u> (Sapindaceae)	carrotwood	
<u>Delairea odorata</u> (Asteraceae)	German ivy	<i>Senecio mikanioides</i> , Italian ivy, African

		ivy, Cape ivy, climbing groundsel
<u>Dillenia suffruticosa</u> (Dilleniaceae)	shrubby simpoh	
<u>Duranta erecta</u> (Verbenaceae)	golden dewdrop	duranta, pigeon berry, <i>Duranta repens</i>
<u>Eichhornia crassipes</u> (Pontederiaceae)	water hyacinth	
<u>Elaeagnus umbellata</u> (Elaeagnaceae)	oleaster	autumn olive
<u>Erigeron karvinskianus</u> (Asteraceae)	daisy fleabane	Mexican daisy
<u>Eriobotrya japonica</u> (Rosaceae)	loquat	Japanese medlar
<u>Ficus cf. platypoda</u> (Moraceae)	Port Jackson fig (local name)	(this plant is commonly referred to in Hawaii incorrectly as <i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>)
<u>Ficus microcarpa</u> (Moraceae)	Chinese banyan	Malayan banyan, <i>Ficus retusa</i> , <i>Ficus nitida</i>
<u>Fuchsia boliviana</u> (Onagraceae)	fuchsia	lady's eardrops
<u>Fuchsia magellanica</u> (Onagraceae)	hardy fuchsia	lady's eardrops, earring flower, kulapepeiao
<u>Fuchsia paniculata</u> (Onagraceae)	fuchsia	Lady's eardrops
<u>Furcraea foetida</u> (Agavaceae)	Mauritius hemp	maguey, <i>Furcraea gigantea</i>
<u>Grevillea robusta</u> (Proteaceae)	silk oak	she oak, he oak, silver oak, kahili flower, spider flower, ha'iku-ke'oke'o
<u>Hedychium coronarium</u> (Zingiberaceae)	white ginger	butterfly lily, ginger lily, garland flower, 'awapuhi-ke'oke'o
<u>Hedychium flavescens</u> (Zingiberaceae)	yellow ginger	cream ginger, 'awapuhi-melemele
<u>Hedychium gardnerianum</u> (Zingiberaceae)	kahili ginger	
<u>Heterocentron subtriplinervium</u> (Melastomataceae)	pearl flower	
<u>Hiptage benghalensis</u> (Malpighiaceae)	hiptage	
<u>Hydrilla verticillata</u> (Hydrocharitaceae)	hydrilla	water thyme, Florida-elodea
<u>Jasminum fluminense</u> (Oleaceae)	jasmine	<i>Jasminum azoricum</i>
<u>Kalanchoe delagoensis</u> (Crassulaceae)	chandelier plant	<i>Kalanchoë tubiflora</i> , <i>Bryophyllum tubiflorum</i> , <i>Kalanchoe verticillata</i>

<u>Kalanchoe pinnata</u> (Crassulaceae)	air plant	life plant, 'oliwa ku kahakai, <i>Bryophyllum pinnatum</i> , <i>Cotyledon pinnata</i>
<u>Lantana camara</u> (Verbenaceae)	lantana	lakana, mikinolia-hihiu, sage
<u>Lemna (all species)</u> (Lemnaceae)	duckweed	
<u>Leptospermum scoparium</u> (Myrtaceae)	New Zealand tea	manuka
<u>Ligustrum lucidum</u> (Oleaceae)	tree privet	broadleaf privet
<u>Ligustrum sinense</u> (Oleaceae)	Chinese privet	hedge privet, small-leaved privet
<u>Lonicera japonica</u> (Caprifoliaceae)	Japanese honeysuckle	honekakala
<u>Medinilla cumingii</u> (Melastomataceae)	medinilla	
<u>Medinilla venosa</u> (Melastomataceae)	medinilla	
<u>Melaleuca quinquenervia</u> (Myrtaceae)	paperbark	cajeput tree
<u>Melastoma candidum</u> (Melastomataceae)	Indian rhododendron	<i>Melastoma malabathricum</i> , Malabar melastome
<u>Melastoma sanguineum</u> (Melastomataceae)	fox-tongued melastoma	
<u>Melia azedarach</u> (Meliaceae)	Chinaberry	pride-of-India, margosa tree
<u>Miconia calvescens</u> (Melastomataceae)	miconia	velvet tree, purple plague
<u>Montanoa hibiscifolia</u> (Asteraceae)	tree daisy	
<u>Najas (all species)</u> (Najadaceae)	naiad	pondweed
<u>Nymphaea (all species)</u> (Nymphaeaceae)	water lily	
<u>Ochna thomasi</u> (Ochnaceae)	Mickey Mouse plant	ochna, <i>Ochna kirkii</i>
<u>Olea europaea</u> (Oleaceae)	olive	'oliwa
<u>Passiflora laurifolia</u> (Passifloraceae)	yellow granadilla	yellow water lemon, bell apple
<u>Pennisetum setaceum</u> (Poaceae)	fountain grass	<i>Pennisetum ruppelii</i>
<u>Philadelphus karwinskyanus</u> (Hydrangeaceae)	mock orange	philadelphus, syringa

<u>Photinia davidiana</u> (Rosaceae)	photinia	<i>Stranvaesia davidiana</i> , <i>Cotoneaster frigidus</i>
<u>Pimenta dioica</u> (Myrtaceae)	allspice	<i>Pimenta officinalis</i>
<u>Pimenta racemosa</u> (Myrtaceae)	bay-rum	malagueta, bay tree, <i>Pimenta acris</i>
<u>Pinus patula</u> (Pinaceae)	Mexican weeping pine	jelecote pine, patula pine, pino triste
<u>Pistia stratiotes</u> (Araceae)	water lettuce	
<u>Pittosporum pentandrum</u> (Pittosporaceae)	mamalis	
<u>Pittosporum undulatum</u> (Pittosporaceae)	Victorian box	Victorian laurel, orange pittosporum
<u>Pittosporum viridiflorum</u> (Pittosporaceae)	Cape pittosporum	
<u>Platycerium bifurcatum</u> (Polypodiaceae)	elkhorn fern	common staghorn fern
<u>Psidium cattleianum</u> (Myrtaceae)	strawberry guava	waiawi-'ula'ula
<u>Pyracantha angustifolia</u> (Rosaceae)	firethorn	
<u>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</u> (Myrtaceae)	rose myrtle	downy myrtle
<u>Rubus (all species)</u> (Rosaceae)	blackberry, raspberry	thimbleberry, brambles, 'ohelo 'ele 'ele
<u>Ruellia devosiana</u> (Acanthaceae)	Ruellia	
<u>Salvinia (all species)</u> (Salviniaceae)	floating fern	
<u>Schefflera actinophylla</u> (Araliaceae)	octopus tree	<i>Brassaia actinophylla</i> , umbrella tree
<u>Schinus molle</u> (Anacardiaceae)	pepper tree	California pepper tree
<u>Schinus terebinthifolius</u> (Anacardiaceae)	Christmas berry	Brazilian pepper, wilelaiki, nani-o-hilo
<u>Solandra maxima</u> (Solanaceae)	cup-of-gold	golden cup, chalice vine
<u>Spathodea campanulata</u> (Bignoniaceae)	African tulip tree	fountain tree, fire bell
<u>Sphaeropteris cooperi</u> (Cyatheaceae)	Australian treefern	<i>Cyathea cooperi</i>
<u>Sphagneticola trilobata</u> (Asteraceae)	wedelia	Wedelia trilobata

<u><i>Stapelia gigantea</i></u> (Asclepiadaceae)	carrion flower	starfish flower, Zulu-giant, giant toad plant
<u><i>Tamarix</i> (all species)</u> (Tamaricaceae)	?	
<u><i>Terminalia catappa</i></u> (Combretaceae)	tropical almond	Indian almond, false kamani, kamani-haole
<u><i>Tetrazygia bicolor</i></u> (Melastomataceae)	(no common name)	
<u><i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i></u> (Acanthaceae)	Bengal trumpet	blue trumpet vine, large-flowered thunbergia
<u><i>Thunbergia laurifolia</i></u> (Acanthaceae)	laurel-leaved thunbergia	
<u><i>Tibouchina herbacea</i></u> (Melastomataceae)	cane tibouchina	glorybush
<u><i>Tibouchina urvilleana</i></u> (Melastomataceae)	glorybush	princess flower, lasiandra
<u><i>Verbascum thapsus</i></u> (Scrophulariaceae)	common mullein	woolly mullein, velvet plant

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