

THERE ARE MORE THAN
250,000 SPECIES OF PLANTS
IN THE WORLD

UNDER CURRENT LAW, NEARLY ALL OF THEM CAN
BE IMPORTED TO HAWAII WITHOUT SCREENING.



MOST SPECIES STAY IN THEIR INTENDED LOCATION
HOWEVER OTHERS CAN
**JUMP FENCES &
INVADE OUR NATIVE FORESTS**

90% of
invasive plants in
HAWAII
were purposeful
introductions for crops,
forestry, ornamental,
or other uses.

**WE
LEARNED
HOW INVASIVE
MICONIA
IS AFTER IT WAS IMPORTED
AS AN ORNAMENTAL.
EACH TREE IS ABLE TO PRODUCE
MILLIONS OF SEEDS
PER YEAR WHICH
ARE THEN SPREAD
BY BIRDS
FOR MILES**

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PONO** www.plantpono.org

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BIG ISLAND INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GROW

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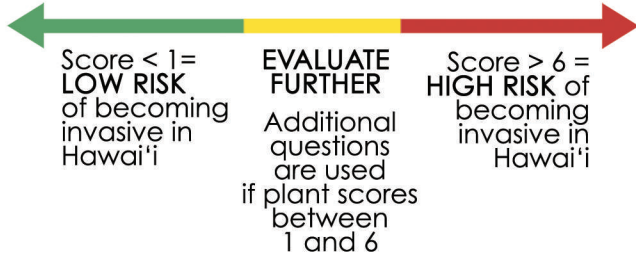
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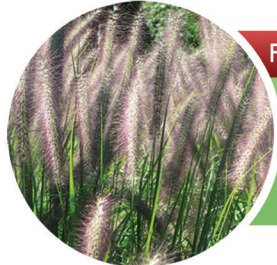
NOT SURE WHAT TO PLANT?

To avoid planting a potential pest, nurseries and the community can use a tool called the

HAWAII PACIFIC WEED RISK ASSESSMENT



COMMON GARDEN PLANTS CAN TURN INTO **SUPER WEEDS**



FOUNTAIN GRASS = High risk (+26)

Provides fuel for dangerous wildfires. Resprouts quickly, crowding out regrowth of native plants after a fire.

KAHILI GINGER = High risk (+16)

Spreads rapidly, is very difficult to remove and endangers the biodiversity of some of the most pristine native rainforests in Hawai'i.



CLIDEMIA = High risk (+28)

The plants are thicket-forming and will crowd out native plants. Birds eat the berries, spreading the seeds deep into the forest.



MORE THAN 1750 PLANTS HAVE BEEN SCREENED TO DATE

A recent survey of Big Island nurseries found that **55%** were selling one or more plants rated as invasive by HPWRA

90% of Big Island consumers stated that they would prefer to buy from a nursery that did not sell invasive plants.

WE CAN ALL **KOKUA TO PLANT PONO**

Visit www.plantpono.org to find:

- A list of pono plants to help you select the right plant for your yard.
- Examples of invasive ornamentals commonly found in Hawai'i's backyards.
- A list of Big Island Pono nurseries.

SHOP AT PLANT PONO ENDORSED NURSERIES!

- Pono nurseries agree not to sell potentially invasive plants, and to use best practices to prevent the spread of pests, like little fire ants.
- Ask your favorite garden shops to join the list of Plant Pono endorsed businesses!

THERE ARE 100'S OF BEAUTIFUL NON-INVASIVE PLANTS TO MEET YOUR GARDENING NEEDS!

Find some great suggestions at WWW.PLANTPONO.ORG or ask your local Pono nursery for help in finding the right plant for your yard.

KULU'I



PLUMBAGO



A'ALI'I



MAMAKI



KNOW WHAT YOU GROW! EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT PLEDGES TO **PLANT PONO** MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

