

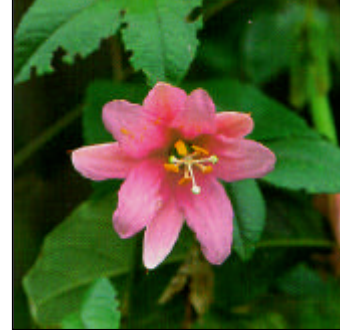
# Banana Poka

(*Passiflora mollissima*)

## **What is Banana poka? Why is it bad?**

Banana poka is a climbing, semi-woody vine with three lobed leaves, pink flowers, and yellow fruit. Banana poka forms a dense canopy, and smothers vegetation, fences, forests, pastures, and farm land.

Banana poka covers thousands of acres on the Big Island and Kaua'i. On Maui, banana poka is currently restricted to the Kula Forest Reserve, but is expanding its range.



## **What should you do if you see this plant?**

1. Call the HEAR project at 572-4418.
2. Dig out the root of the vine, if possible. Otherwise, cut the vine near the root of the plant, and treat with an appropriate herbicide.
3. For more information, call 572-4418, or websurf to <http://www.hear.org>.



**You can help keep Maui no ka oi.  
Report all sightings of Banana poka to the HEAR project at 572-4418.**