




# Maui Invasive Species Committee's Targeted Plants and Animals in East Maui

Category & Name	Description	Why it's a problem
<p>Trees</p>  <p>Miconia <i>Miconia calvenscens</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large velvety leaves with purple undersides and three prominent parallel veins.</li> <li>• Grows to 50 feet tall.</li> </ul>	<p>Miconia shades out and kills other plants trying to grow beneath it. If left unchecked, miconia will create a monotypic forest, destroying rain forests, pastures, and farmlands, and causing increased erosion and degradation of Maui's healthy watersheds.</p>
<p>Vines</p>  <p>Rubber vine <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dark shiny leaves with pink flower.</li> <li>• Triangular, paired seed pods.</li> </ul>	<p>Rubber vine smothers and restricts other plants from growing by winding around trunks, stems and branches. Rubber vine is poisonous. When ingested, it can affect the heart, stomach, and intestines of humans and animals. The plant's milky sap can cause rashes and blisters. The plant's dust can cause coughing, nose swelling, and eyelid blisters.</p>
<p>Frogs</p>  <p>Coqui frog <i>Eleutherodactylus coqui</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rounded body, up to 2 inches long.</li> <li>• Males emit loud two-note call at night.</li> </ul>	<p>Coqui can reach densities of 10,000 individuals per acre, consuming large numbers of insects (not mosquitoes!). Maui's forest birds depend on native insects for food. The coquis' loud call affects plant retailers, hotel businesses, and real estate transactions.</p>

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