




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

Category & Name	Description	Why it's a problem
Vine  Ivy gourd <i>Coccoloba grandis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five-petaled white flower and oblong, red fruits.</li> </ul>	Ivy gourd attacks shrubs, trees, fences, and telephone poles. If left unchecked, ivy gourd can form a dense canopy that quickly smothers out its hosts under a solid blanket of vines.
Vine  Rubber vine <i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dark shiny leaves with pink flower.</li> <li>Triangular, paired seed pods.</li> </ul>	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.
Grass/Sedge  Pampas grass <i>Cortaderia sp.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrow leaves with sharp, serrated edges.</li> <li>White, purple plumes up to 13 feet tall.</li> </ul>	Pampas grass forms dense monotypic stands. It spreads rapidly. Seeds are dispersed by wind up to 20 miles away. It can crowd out native plants, damage grazing lands, and create a fire hazard.



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<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>
<p>Parrots</p>  <p>Mitred conure <i>Aratinga mitrata</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large (16-17") green birds with red faces.</li> <li>• Scattered red feathers on other body parts.</li> <li>• Creamy-white eye rings.</li> <li>• Loud, raucous calls.</li> </ul>	<p>Mitred conures eat the seeds of invasive plants and can spread them into new areas. The conures can damage fruit and seed crops, and spread diseases and parasites to humans, birds, and domestic poultry. The conures can displace native seabirds from nesting burrows.</p>

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