

# Fiddlewood

(*Citharexylum caudatum*)

## **What is Fiddlewood? Why is it bad?**

Fiddlewood is a fast-growing tree. It is distinguished by bright orange leaves in winter and spring. Fiddlewood forms a dense canopy, and smothers vegetation.

On O'ahu, fiddlewood achieves higher densities than strawberry guava. On Maui, this fiddlewood is currently only known from Ohia gulch in Ha'iku, and a few scattered trees on the way to Hana.



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

1. Call the Hawaii Ecosystems at Risk (HEAR) project at 572-4418.
2. Pull out the tree, if possible. Otherwise, cut the tree near the root of the plant, and treat with an 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 Fiddlewood to the HEAR project at 572-4418.