

Fiddlewood

(*Citharexylum spinosum*)

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 has proven its ability to invade native ecosystems. On Maui, fiddlewood is currently found as a street tree in Lahaina, Kihei, and elsewhere. In Haiku, its true nature is displayed, and can be seen invading 'Ohia gulch.

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 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 Fiddlewood to the HEAR project at 572-4418.