

Ivy Gourd

(*Coccinia grandis*)

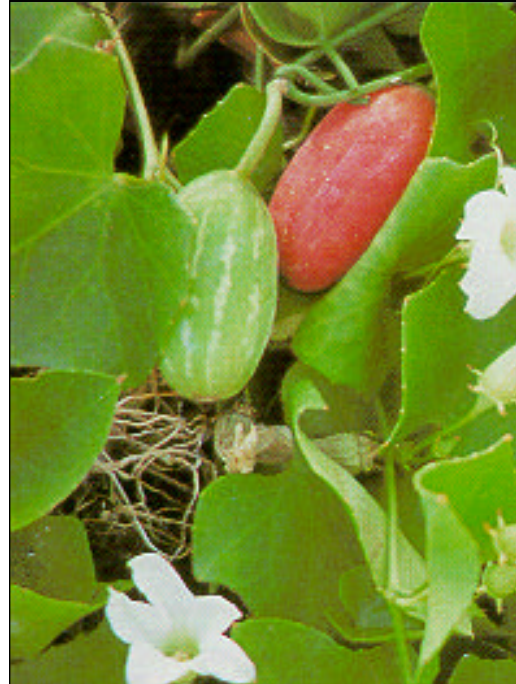
What is Ivy Gourd? Why is it bad?

Ivy gourd is a vigorously growing vine with white flowers and red fruit which forms a dense canopy, and smothers vegetation, fences, utility lines, and forests.

Ivy Gourd is widespread on Oahu, and parts of Kona. Maui has just a few plants, and there is hope of controlling the spread of this pesky vine on the Valley Isle.

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 herbicide.
3. Bag all fruits. Call HEAR for disposal details. (NOTE: Plants can resprout from vines or roots!)
4. For more information, call 572-4418 or websurf to <http://www.hear.org/ivygourd>.



You can help keep Maui no ka oi!
Report all sightings of Ivy Gourd to the HEAR project at 572-4418.