

WHERE/WHEN: Offered twice on 15 November 2010
2:00-4:00 p.m., Cooper Center, Wright Road, Volcano, HI AND
6:30-8:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center, 19-4074 Old Volcano Rd., Volcano, HI

WHO: Volcano (and environs) residents and anyone interested in keeping their community pest free.

WHAT: **Volcano Eyes and Ears Workshop**

COST: FREE, AND we will provide snacks and refreshments.

WHY: To educate yourself and help keep Volcano pest free. AND it will be fun. AND because if you don't go you cannot sign up to receive a copy of our forthcoming BOOK: A FIELD GUIDE TO THE EARLY DETECTION OF INVASIVE PLANTS

AND ANIMALS (of Volcano region). (See <http://pbii.nbii.org/reportapest/volunteer.htm> for similar guide in Kauai and Maui). The book launch will be held at a follow-up workshop early next year - but we are only making a limited number, so sign up now at the workshop on Nov 15th - and get trained to be a "plant detective" and help keep pests OUT of Volcano!!!

DETAILS: New plants and animals arrive on the island of Hawaii every day from neighbor islands, the U.S. mainland, and around the world. Some of these new guests have the potential to wreck havoc on Big Island agriculture, tourism, and native ecosystems. Community help is needed to discover these potentially harmful species early while the population size is small and can be controlled. Early detection and rapid response are widely regarded as the most cost-effective and successful approaches to deal with invasive species.

The Hawaii Early Detection Network provides community alerts about the new plant and animal arrivals that should be avoided and tools to aid in early detection and rapid response to these invaders. A free workshop will be offered at the Cooper Center in Volcano on Nov 15 from 2-4 PM and then again at the Volcano Art Center 6:30-8:30 p.m.. This will be a fun hands-on opportunities to learn about how to become a network "eyes and ears" volunteer (aka plant detective). Volunteers will be trained in detection, prevention, and ways to report these newest pests. The workshop is sponsored by the Big Island Invasive Species Committee (www.bigislandisc.org) and the USGS Hawaii Early Detection Network (www.reportapest.org).

Aloha -

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