

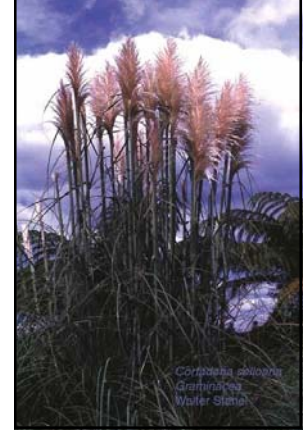
WANTED

Pampas Grass

Call 573-MISC



Cortaderia jubata



Cortaderia selloana

What is it?

- Pampas grass (*Cortaderia sp.*) is a giant bunchgrass from South America that is invading Hawai'i.
- The narrow leaves have sharp, serrated edges.
- It has white to purple flower plumes.
- This plant grows to over 13 feet tall.
- Seeds are spread by the wind and can be viable for at least 6 years.
- *Cortaderia jubata* is on the State noxious weed list.

Why is it a problem in Hawai'i?

- Pampas grass forms dense monotypic stands.
- Spreads rapidly.
- Seeds are dispersed by wind up to 20 miles away.
- Once established, pampas grass can crowd out native plants, damage grazing lands, and create a fire hazard.

What is MISC doing?

- The Maui Invasive Species Committee is a partnership fighting to protect Maui County from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- MISC works to prevent invasive species from becoming established in Maui.
- MISC controls invasive species on private and public property free of charge.
- MISC educates people about invasive species and how to protect Maui.

What can you do?

- Never import or plant pampas grass.
- If you have pampas grass, call MISC and give us permission to control it on your property.
- If you see pampas grass growing or for sale, call MISC.
- Encourage your friends not to buy this or other pest plants so nurseries will stop selling them.
- Learn more. Visit the website <http://www.hear.org/AlienSpeciesInHawaii/>

Together we can keep "Maui Nō Ka 'Oī!"



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