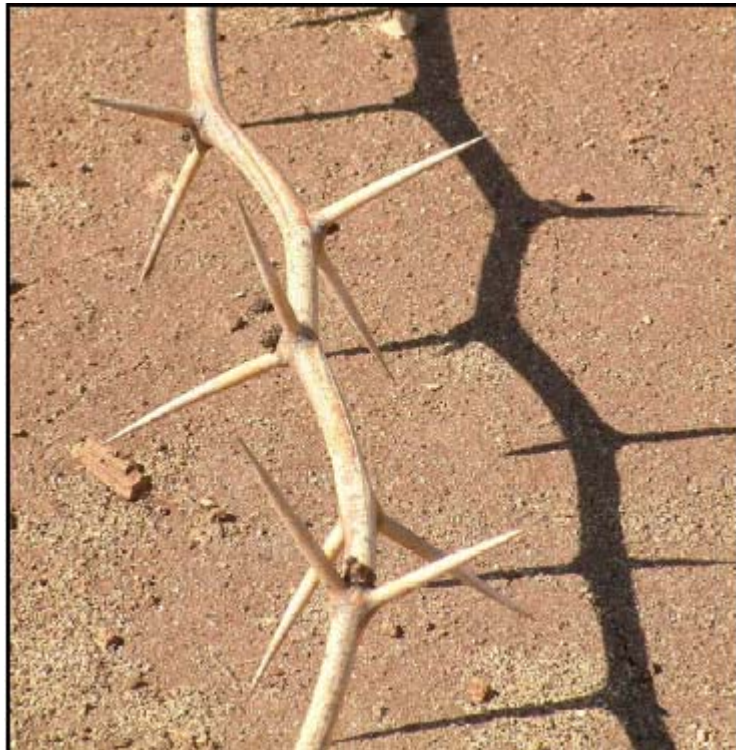


# PEST ALERT

## Long Thorn Kiawe

*(Prosopis juliflora)*



**What is Long Thorn Kiawe?** Related to the common Kiawe (Mesquite) found here on Molokai. Differs in that it is sprawling in nature (rather than an upright tree), has a larger leaf structure and, most notably, thorns up to several inches long which are sharp enough to pierce through automobile tires. Long Thorn Kiawe has been known to hybridize with common Kiawe. It has many seeds and grows rapidly. It will impede beach access with its sprawling branches and long sharp thorns.

**Control Options:** Hand pull new shoots out as soon as they have emerged and are large enough to grip. Be sure to remove the entire root, or as much as possible. Cutting the plant at the base and treating with herbicide will effectively stop it from re-sprouting. Constant monitoring is needed to watch for new growth. Call MoMI SC if you think you have Long Thorn Kiawe.



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