


WANTED

BUSH BEARDGRASS

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WHAT IS IT?	WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bush beardgrass (<i>Schizachryium condensatum</i>), is an invasive bunchgrass from tropical and subtropical America.• It grows along roadsides or disturbed areas and in open sites in shrub land and grassland.• It forms dense clumps that produce large tufted seed heads and grows up to 3 ft in height.• On Kauai and the Big Island it is out of control. It is beyond eradication on those islands. On Oahu it occurs in only two areas. We still have a chance!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bush beardgrass threatens native areas by forming dense clumps that displace native plants.• It is a fire promoting grass. The dry grass clumps help fuel many of the forest fires on the Big Island.• It is drought tolerant, yet is able to flourish in wetter areas.• Each plant produces millions of seeds that are spread by the wind, animals, vehicles, and people.
WHO IS  OISC ?	WHAT CAN YOU DO?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) is a multi-sector partnership fighting to protect Oahu from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.• OISC focuses on species that are not yet established and eradication may be possible.• OISC controls and maps each population with follow-up monitoring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop the spread of seeds. Scrub your boots after every hike, especially when you go to other islands.• If found on your property, allow OISC to access your land and control it.• If found, do not throw plants away! Call us for proper disposal.• Please report all sightings. Your information is important to us. CALL us at 286-4616.• For more information on invasive species go to the HEAR website www.hear.org



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