


WANTED

HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY

CALL 286-4616



WHAT IS IT?	WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Himalayan blackberry (<i>Rubus discolor</i>) is a thorny vine native to Western Europe. • It has pink or white flowers, thorny stems, and leaves with 3 leaflets. The roundish fruit is black and shiny when ripe. Seeds are spread by fruit-eating birds and mammals. • Rubus is found in disturbed areas, open fields, and riparian habitats. • The Division of Forestry and Wildlife has designated all species of <i>Rubus</i> as some of "Hawai'i's Most Invasive Horticultural Plants". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackberry forms dense impenetrable thickets that exclude other native plant species, and make access difficult for hunters, hikers, and other visitors to forests. • Thickets can produce 7,000-13,000 seeds per square meter, which can remain dormant in the soil for several years • It is considered an invasive pest in many states across the continental United States. • Blackberry occurs in only a few locations on Oahu. We can get rid of it before it takes over!
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 is still 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 or locations. • Do not buy, import, or plant blackberry. • 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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