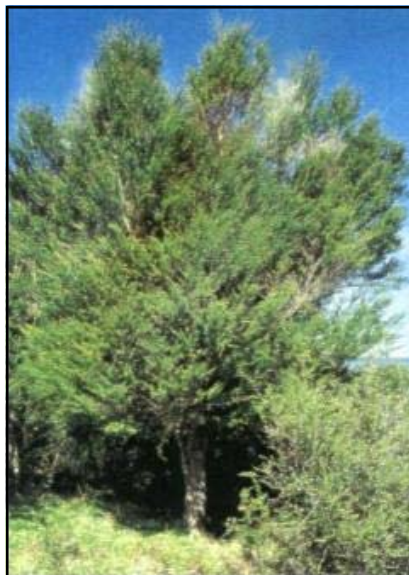


**WANTED**

# MANUKA

Call 286-4616



## WHAT IS IT?

- Manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*), also known as New Zealand tea tree, is a shrub native to New Zealand and Australia.
- It is a popular ornamental shrub, that grows up to 20 ft in height with small white to pink flowers and needle-like leaves.
- Manuka was planted during forestry efforts to stabilize soils and prevent erosion.
- When leaves are crushed it has a strong aromatic scent.
- Manuka is most commonly found in disturbed or open areas and along ridges.

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Manuka has shrubby thick aggressive growth capable of crowding or shading out native species.
- Fire-resistant seeds are numerous and can be spread by wind.
- This tree has successfully invaded some of the most pristine native ridges and valleys on Oahu.
- Manuka is still being sold as an ornamental shrub in nurseries and sometimes used in floral arrangements.

## WHO IS OISC ?

- 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.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Stop the spread of seeds. Scrub your boots after every hike, especially when you go to other islands.
- Do not buy, import, or plant manuka.
- Encourage nurseries to stop selling this invasive tree.
- If found, do not throw plants away! Call us for proper disposal.
- For more information on invasive species go to the HEAR website [www.hear.org](http://www.hear.org)



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