

**WANTED**

# TIBOUCHINA

ALSO KNOWN AS GLORY BUSH, LASIANDRA, PRINCESS FLOWER, GLORY TREE, CANE TI OR LONGLEAF GLORY TREE



## WHAT IS IT?

- All 350 plants in the genus *Tibouchina* have been declared noxious weeds by the State of Hawai'i. It is illegal to sell or transport noxious weeds.
- Plants in the genus *Tibouchina* are from the tropical regions of Central and South America.
- *Tibouchina* species usually have fuzzy leaves with prominent veins and showy purple flowers.
- *Tibouchina* plants have been grown as ornamentals.
- Some *Tibouchina* species are considered invasive in New Zealand and are excluded from French Polynesia.

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- *Tibouchina* threatens native areas by forming monotypic thickets that outcompete and displace native plants.
- *Tibouchina longifolia* has naturalized in native 'ohia forest on the Big Island. *Tibouchina urvilleana* and *Tibouchina herbacea* have infested areas of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.
- *Tibouchina* species belong to the family Melastomataceae, which includes *Miconia calvescens* and many other highly invasive plants.

## WHO IS OISC?

- The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) is a multi-sector partnership protecting O'ahu from invasive plants and animals that threaten our environment, economy, and quality of life.
- OISC focuses on species that are not yet established and can still be eradicated.
- OISC partners include Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Honolulu Board of Water Supply and other municipal, state and federal agencies.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Not yet naturalized on O'ahu, *Tibouchina* can be eradicated before it becomes a problem.
- Allow OISC field crew on your property to remove *Tibouchina* if asked. According to state law, landowners are not liable for workers surveying for or removing invasive species.
- Do not plant, import, buy, or sell *Tibouchina* plants.
- Report all sightings to 286-4616.
- If found, do not throw plants away! Call us for proper disposal.

Photos: *Tibouchina urvilleana*, CGAPS. *Tibouchina longifolia*, Kim and Forest Starr. *Tibouchina herbacea*, Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk. *Tibouchina granulosa*, Forest and Kim Starr.



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