

Subject: Grass specific control option for C. jubata and selloana

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Last week I heard Joe DiTomasso, UC Davis Weed Extension Specialist give a great presentation on Cortaderia species in California.

One tidbit that might help you in Maui is that trials in California, near the coast indicate that Fusilade at 4% applied in the spring to wet the foliage resulted in 95% kill. You may want to try fusilade in some trials there, since this is a grass specific herbicide that would reduce chances of non-target impacts in your spray-ball applications.

DiTomasso did caution that results were not as good in a second trial, but he was pretty sure that was because the plants they treated in the second round were drought stressed.

Bottom line is that you should be able to get excellent kill if you apply fusilade to C. spp. that are not drought stressed and are actively growing. I'd suggest that you do local trials before jumping into large scale treatments.

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