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PT,
I found *Filicium decipiens*, AKA fern tree, growing in a naturalized state in Honokowai Valley, West Maui, and more recently around Hilo. There were numerous plantings around Hilo, but the nearest cultivated trees to the Maui site that I have seen are in Ka'anapali, a considerable distance away. Staples et al. list this species as invasive or potentially invasive. In areas with sufficient rainfall or irrigation, numerous seedlings can usually be seen beneath the parent trees, but frugivorous birds are undoubtedly dispersing the small, fleshy fruits well beyond the plantings. More details will have to wait until I finish & submit this year's manuscript for the HBS Records, and publication will probably not be till fall of 2002.

Hope this helps.

Aloha,
Hank

