

Have you seen this plant?



Feathertop Grass (*Pennisetum villosum*)

Help keep this invasive pest off our island!
Call KISC 808/821-1490 to report sightings.

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Feathertop Grass is a perennial clumping grass growing up to 3' tall. The leaf-blades are flat and light-green. The stems are round with a distinctive feathery seed-head. The white feathery seed-heads are about 2"-5" long. *Feathertop grass forms dense clumps that will dominate an infested areas. This is a fire-promoting grass that recovers quickly after fire. This pest is not a good pasture grass and it degrades the quality of pasture lands. Let's stop it before it becomes a problem on Kaua'i.*

What can you do?

KISC will be in your area conducting property surveys. If you believe that you have seen this plant, record its location (GPS if possible), try to collect it, and **call KISC at 808/821-1490**. Since this pest is known to only have low distribution on the island, it is important to report it. We will be happy to help with identification, survey, and possible removal of this pest.