

Have you seen this plant?



Wax Myrtle (*Morella cerifera*)

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

Wax Myrtle (*Morella cerifera*)

Wax myrtle is an evergreen shrub to small tree growing up to 35' tall. The olive green leaves are 3" long with serrated top edges. The small flowers are grayish-white. The grayish-blue fruit is 1/4" wide and grows in dense clusters along the twigs. The fruit is heavily coated with a smooth wax. *Wax myrtle forms dense thickets. This plant promotes fire frequency. Wax myrtle is a major agricultural weed in Florida, dominating pastures. This pest has rapid growth and suckering from the trunk base and roots. 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.