

# Have you seen this plant?



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Brown Salwood (*Acacia mangium*)

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

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Brown Salwood is a large tree growing 90 feet tall. The straight trunk can make up over half of its height. The leaves are narrow at the base and widen in the middle (4-11" long and 1-4" wide) with 3 or 4 veins. The small cream flowers are arranged into 2-5" spikes. The leathery seed pods are twisted and filled with many small seeds. The seed are spread by birds. **This pest is a fast growing tree that produces numerous seeds. Brown Salwood will shade out the understory, killing the plants below.** *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.