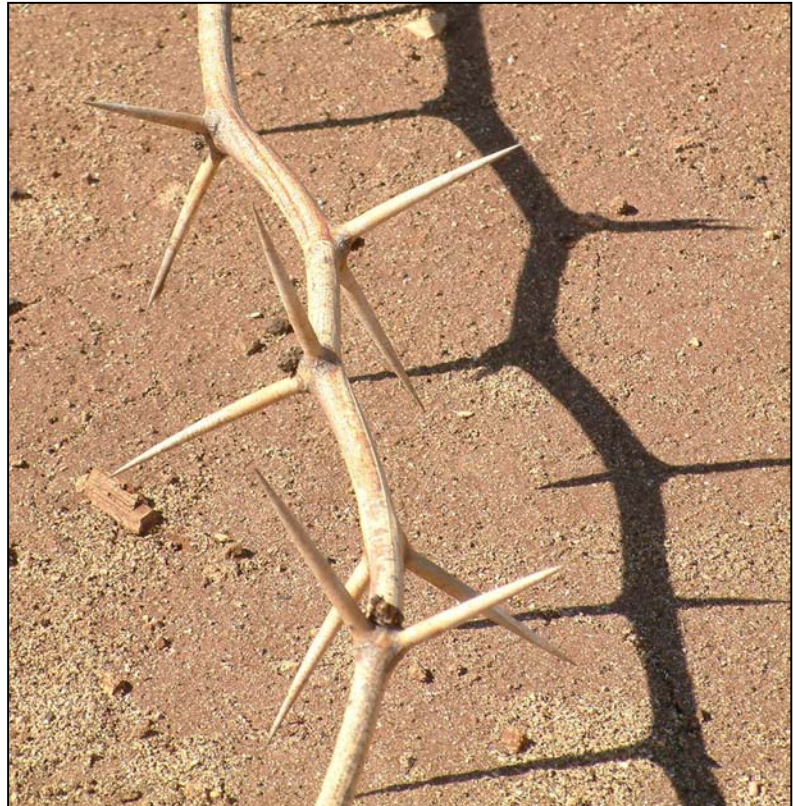


PEST ALERT

Long Thorn Kiawe

(*Prosopis juliflora*)



What is Long Thorn Kiawe? This species is related to the common Kiawe (Mesquite) found here on Kauai. It differs from the common species in that it is sprawling in nature (rather than an upright tree), has a larger leaf structure and, most notably, has long thorns up to several inches long which are sharp enough to pierce through automobile tires.

The Problem: If left unchecked, this plant will impede beach access by not only its trailing branches, but by also creating seedlings from its prolific seed production. *Prosopis juliflora* also has been known to hybridize with common Kiawe.

Control options: **Hand pull** new shoots out, as soon as they have emerged and are large enough to grip. Be sure to remove the entire root, or as much as possible. **Cutting** the plant at the base and **treating with herbicide** will effectively stop it from re-sprouting. The herbicide will trans-locate to the root system to stop growth. Constant monitoring is needed for the seed bank.



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