

Have you seen this pest?



Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia jubata* & *C. selloana*)

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

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Pampas grass is a clumping grass that grows up to 13 feet tall. It has narrow green leaves that will cut you when rubbed downwards. Pampas grass is identifiable by its large, showy flower plumes. The flowers are 24" - 31" and cream to pinkish in color. This pest grows rapidly and produces thousands of seeds per plant. It will grow into large clumps of biomass crowding out native species and creating fire hazards. This pest is a known problem on Maui, in California, and in New Zealand. Let's stop it before it becomes a problem on Kaua'i. *Report this pest immediately!* Pampas grass is on the Hawaii State Noxious Weed List .

What can you do?

Since this pest is not known to be on this island, it is important to report it. If you believe that you have seen this pest, record its location (GPS if possible), try to collect it, and call KISC at 808/821-1490. We will be happy to identify and remove this invasive pest.