

PEST ALERT

False Kava

Piper auritum



Dilutes Kauai's Kava and Reduces the Quality
Reproduces Rapidly Cuttings will quickly root

To Report this Pest Call: 821-1490



False Kava

(Piper auritum)

- Unequally lobed at the base
- Pinnate vein patterns
- Larder lighter green leaves
- Anise-like/ licorice odor of crushed leaves
- Does not have medicinal attributes, lacks the Kava lactones



Kava or Awa

(Piper methysticum)

- More equally lobed at the base
- Palmate vein patterns
- Smaller darker green leaves
- Swollen jointed nodes along the stem
- Contains the Kava lactones which give it is medicinal attributes