



# Help Keep Kaho'olawe Khaki Free



Painful burs form mats



Check tires and footwear



Bag up the whole plant



Dig out the whole root

## Did You Know:

- Kaho'olawe and Ni'ihau are the only Main Hawaiian islands without an established population of Khaki Weed (*Alternanthera pungens*)?
- Also known as “**pokey weed**”, most people notice this invasive species when stepping on the sharp-toothed burs barefoot. Seeds are dispersed by footwear, clothing, vehicle tires, and animals.
- **Control can be achieved by digging up whole plant the with pick or shovel. Make sure the whole taproot is dug out with seeds bagged up for disposal. Clean seeds from gloves and tools into trash bags.**
- **Check and Clean** footwear, field gear and automobile tires before coming to the Kihei boathouse or Kaho'olawe. Help keep Kaho'olawe a khaki free island.

**Mahalo for your Kōkua!**