



Healthy, flowering 'ōhi'a lehua



Browning and dead 'ōhi'a trees killed by Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death

TRAVEL ALERT

WHAT?

Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death is a fungal disease that is killing 'ōhi'a lehua trees, Hawai'i's most widespread native tree. 'Ōhi'a are the backbone of our watersheds, they provide habitat for thousands of Hawaiian plants and animals, and they have tremendous cultural significance.

HOW?

The fungus can be spread to new locations when people move infected 'ōhi'a plants and plant parts, or when soil containing the fungus moves on shoes and gear.

STOP THE SPREAD OF RAPID 'ŌHI'A DEATH!

STOP! Do not transport 'ōhi'a plants or plant parts, including flowers, seeds, wood, or logs from infected areas, and do not transport soil in any way from infected areas. A permit to do so may be issued by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA).

TURN IT IN. If you are carrying 'ōhi'a, turn it in to a state agriculture inspector or deposit it into one of the Amnesty Bins in the terminal. HDOA staff will ensure that all 'ōhi'a is taken care of safely and respectfully.

CLEAN. Always clean your shoes, clothes, and gear before and after you hike, and before traveling to other islands.

EDUCATE. Share this information with family and friends. An 'ōhi'a tree can be infected for months before showing visible symptoms, so don't assume that "a tree or" a forest is healthy. Transporting infected 'ōhi'a plant materials or soil containing the fungus can spread the disease long distance.

LEARN MORE. Visit www.RapidOhiaDeath.org to learn more. Or, for questions about the quarantine rule or permit process, please contact the Honolulu HDOA Plant Quarantine Branch office

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