

BACKGROUND

Brought to Hawai'i in 1960 as an ornamental and potential food crop, Himalayan raspberry (*Rubus ellipticus*) escaped cultivation within a year, spreading rapidly through forests and backyards.

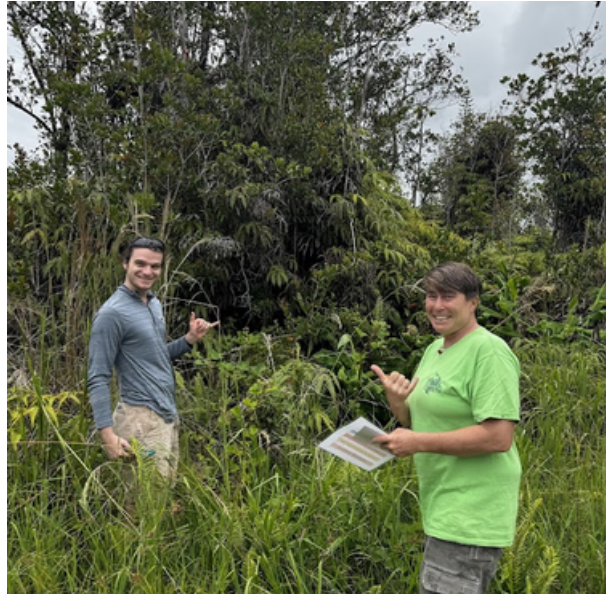


Himalayan raspberry grows in sprawling, arching canes up to 15 ft long. It spreads both by seeds and aggressive root suckers, with stems and canes densely covered in thorns.

HOW DO I GET RID OF IT?

- Gather tools & protective equipment
- Cut back the plants
- Treat or cover the stumps
- Remove cut material
- Manage seedlings; repeat as needed

The Fern Forest community has tools available to borrow, including loppers, pole saws, and heavy-duty protective gloves. Contact Jerry Eschbaugh at 808-987-1575 for more information.



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HOW TO CONTROL HIMALAYAN RASPBERRY

*Tools, Tips, and Strategies
for Effective Control*

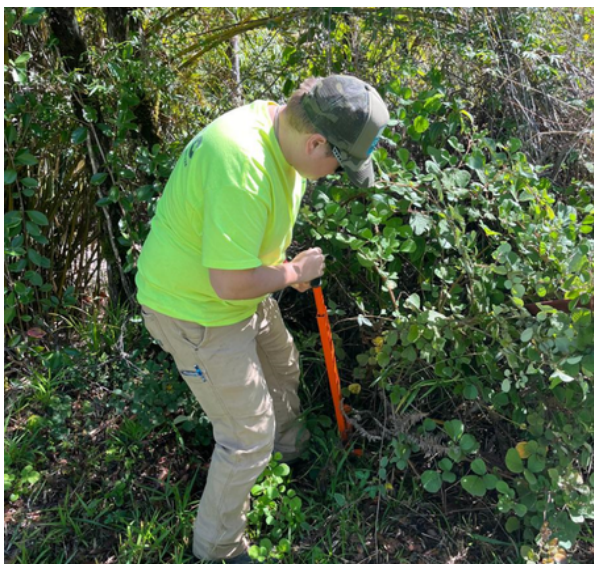
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Did you know?

Even small root fragments left on the ground can sprout new plants.

MANUAL CONTROL:

- **Gather tools** and protective gloves
- **For small-medium root balls:** Use a weed pulling tool to uproot plants. Frequently mow and hand pull runners.
- **For large root balls:** Cut plant to the base and cover the area with sturdy material, like a large piece of roofing tin.



A weed puller makes it easier to dig out stubborn roots safely

CHEMICAL CONTROL:

Herbicides, when applied correctly and safely, provide targeted control of Himalayan raspberry while protecting surrounding plants.

Personal Protective Equipment:



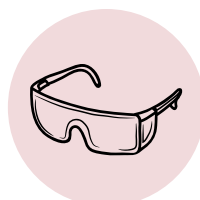
Gloves



Long sleeve



Shoes



Eye protection

We recommend the cut-stump method:

This involves application of herbicide to the freshly cut stump. Reapplication may be needed for resprouts.

- **Check weather:** Only apply herbicide when rain is not expected.
- **Cut back:** Clear canes with loppers. Cut stems down to 1-2 in. above ground.
- **Apply herbicide:** Immediately treat the stump using a spray bottle
- **Monitor area:** Monitor the treated area and control seedlings as they emerge.



Previously treated stump



Brush Killer Plus Concentrate (For Homeowners)

Make sure 8.8% Triclopyr is listed as the active ingredient. Available at Ace Hardware, Home Depot and Amazon.



Triclopyr 4 (For agriculture use)

Mix at 30% dilution with forest crop oil.

Example:
30oz Triclopyr 4 +
70oz forest crop oil

Always read and follow the pesticide label—it's the law!