

Invasive Species

in the Cook Islands

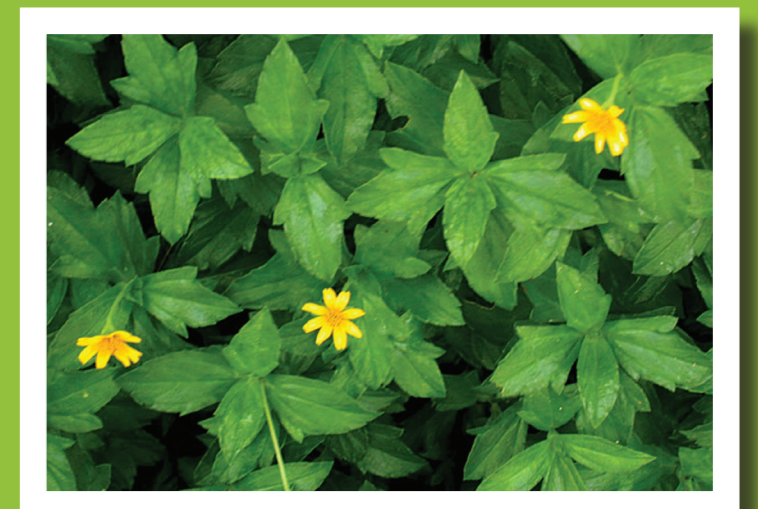
Why are they a problem?

African tulip



Scientific name: *Spathodea campanulata* Local name: *Kōʻʻī*
African Tulips competes with native plants for sunlight and nutrients. It can also take over space that is used for agriculture as well as native forests.

Wedelia Daisy



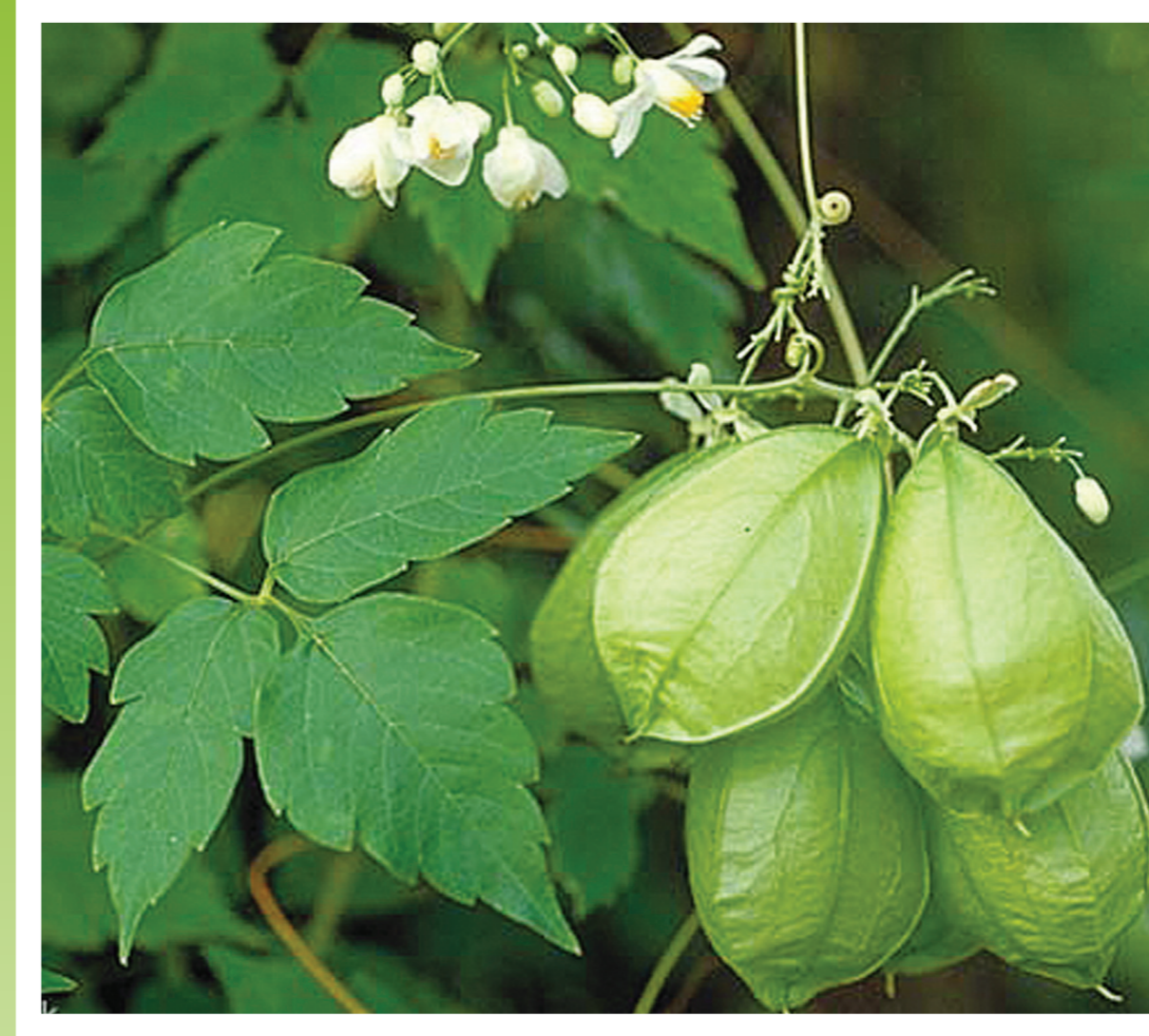
Scientific name: *Sphagneticola trilobata*
Wedelia is a groundcover plant that quickly grows and covers an area. It crowds out grass for cows and goats to graze on.

Lantana



Scientific name: *Lantana camara* Local name: *Tātarāmoa*
Lantana is a weedy shrub with thorns that competes with native plants for plant nutrients. It can also invade and form a dense understory preventing access into some areas and taking over native secondary forest and space for agricultural use.

Balloon vine



Scientific name: *Cardiospermum grandiflorum* Local name: *Kōpūpū Taviri*
Balloon vines are high climbing and fast growing vines that are found on the inland and lowlands of Rarotonga. They quickly climb over native plants to compete for sunlight and eventually killing them by strangling and shading native trees from sunlight.

Remove these weeds from our islands and our Biodiversity

Rakau Kikino

Tuitarere i te Kuki Airani

Eaa ta ratou kino ka rave?

Kō'ī'ī



Scientific name: *Spathodea campanulata* Common name: *African Tulip*
 E tumu rakau kikino te kō'ī'ī, e tupu nei i runga i te au maunga o Rarotonga. Ka tāmamanatā atu aia i te tupu'anga o te au rakau enua mei te mato, rata e te vai atura na roto i te apai viviki'anga i te meitaki, mei te maniva e te vai i roto i te enua, pera katoa te tamarumaruru atu anga i te rakau enua.

Wedelia Daisy



Scientific name: *Sphagneticola trilobata* Local name: *Wedelia Daisy*
 Teia tita ngāngā'ere e viviki ana aia i te tupu e te totoa. Ka tupu rerevao aia, tāmamanatā, me kore tāmamate atu i te tupu'anga o te matie me kore mauku kai na te puakania e te puakatoro.

Tātarāmoa



Scientific name: *Lantana camara* Common name: *Lantana*
 Te tātarāmoa e ngāngā'ere kino teia, ka tupu aia ki te au ngai tuketuke, mei te pai taro, ngai tanutanu, aua tiare e te vai atura. E taratara tona rakau te ka riro atu i te arai i te au ara ki uta i te maunga me kore ki te ngai tanutanu. Ka tāmamanatā katoa aia i te tupu'anga o te rakau enua, na roto i te apai'anga i te meitaki mei roto i te enua.

Kōpūpū Taviri



Scientific name: *Cardiospermum grandiflorum* Common name: *Balloon Vine*
 E ngāngā'ere toro e te viviki i te tupu na runga i te au tumu rakau te kopūpū taviri. E kitea ia ana te kopūpū taviri e tupu rerevao ara na runga i te tumu rakau takapini ia Rarotonga. Ka tāmamanatā aia i te tupu'anga o te rakau enua, na roto i te kukumi'anga e te tamarumaruru'anga i te au tumu rakau.

*Takore ia teia au ngangaere kikino mei roto i to tatou
 Ao Ora Natura e no runga i to tatou enua*