

# DEVIL WEED LOOK-A-LIKES

Use this guide to help distinguish devil weed  
from other look-a-like species





# DEVIL WEED

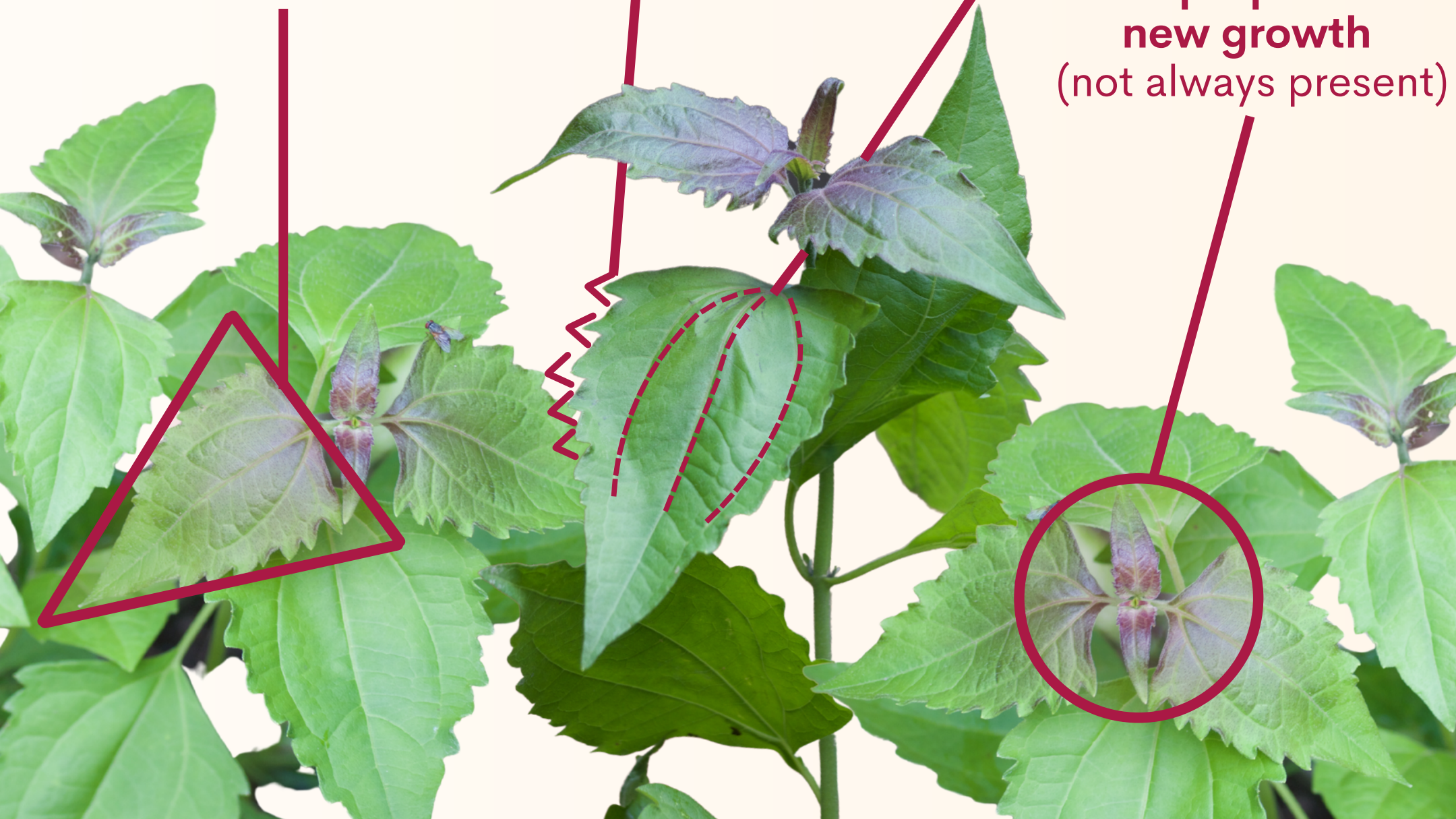
*(Chromolaena odorata)*

**triangle shaped leaf**  
(pungent odor when crushed)

**toothed leaf edges**

**pitchfork shaped veins**

**purple new growth**  
(not always present)





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(*Chromolaena odorata*)



# ST. PAULS WORT

(*Sigesbeckia orientalis*)



- Leaf edges are toothed
- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Leaf edge is irregularly toothed
- Leaf veins are often reddish
- New leaves are long & narrow
- Flowers are small and yellow
- Flower heads surrounded by 5 spindles (called calyx)



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# MĀMAKI

(*Pipturus albidus*)



- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Green leaves with sawtooth edges and whitish undersides
- Pink to red leaf veins
- Leaves can range in shape
- White, fleshy fruit forms on stem



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# BILLYGOAT WEED

(*Ageratum conyzoides*)



- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Lacks the 3-veined pitchfork
- Leaves are deeply veined
- Stems are hairy
- Pink, white, or violet flowers
- Flower heads are tightly clustered



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VS

# BLUE SNAKEWEED

(*Stachytarpheta cayennensis*)



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- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink



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- Leaves are oval-shaped
- Leaves have a wrinkled texture
- Leaves are mostly hairless
- Flowers are dark blue to purple
- Flowers attach to long spikes at the tip of branches



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# LANTANA

(*Lantana camara*)



- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Leaves are oval-shaped
- Leaves feel like sandpaper
- Only one main leaf vein
- Flower heads are large and showy
- Flowers are pink and orange
- Thorns present on stem



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# KOSTER'S CURSE

(*Clidemia hirta*)



- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Leaves are oval-shaped with quilted appearance
- Leaves have 5 main veins
- No toothed edges
- Flowers are small and white
- Fruit is dark purple or blue



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# SOURBUSH

(*Pluchea carolinensis*)



- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Leaves are oval-shaped & fuzzy
- No toothed edges
- Lacks the 3-veined pitchfork
- Leaves smell sour when crushed
- Large clusters of flower heads
- Flowers are fuzzy and white



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# 'UHALOA

(*Waltheria indica*)



- Leaves are triangular with purple new growth
- Pitchfork-like leaf veins
- Pungent odor when crushed
- Flower clusters are pale purple/pink

- Leaves are oval-shaped
- Leaves are fuzzy and pale green
- Lacks the 3-veined pitchfork
- Flowers are clustered at the base of leaves
- Flowers are tiny and yellow



# If you spot devil weed, please report it...



1

Snap a few pictures from different angles

2

Send us a DM or email to [biisc@hawaii.edu](mailto:biisc@hawaii.edu)

3

BIISC will remove the plants for FREE

**Early detection of new populations is crucial to island-wide eradication**