

Free, Wild Food Under Attack by Government

HELP OPPOSE THE RELEASE OF AN INSECT TO ATTACK THE STRAWBERRY GUAVA



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The use and enjoyment of the strawberry guava is being threatened by the federal and state departments of agriculture, which propose releasing an alien insect pest to control the spread of this plant in native forests. The scale insect they want to release is from Brazil, and it attacks the leaves of the plant, making them ugly with bubbly, gall-infested growths and eliminating the fruit production.

The strawberry guava provides free food, free wood and has been a cherished part of the Hawaiian culture and lifestyle for nearly 200 years. Stopping the spread of these valued plants by releasing an insect pest will negatively affect everyone in the state, depriving everyone of an important and nutritious food and wood resource. It will destroy the beauty of our land, turning these ornamental, green trees that line our roadways, parks and backyards into gall infested, sick looking, spindly eyesores. And people who own strawberry guava trees on private property will suffer property damage as these pest attack their trees.

Once this alien insect is released it could start attacking other important plants besides the strawberry guava. Once released there is no turning back!

This is a time of food shortages and high food prices, at a time when Hawaii is trying to find ways of being food self-sufficient. It is a bad time to attack a food resource simply because it grows so well here. It needs to be managed, not destroyed.



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