



The image above shows the Ramie Caterpillar. Recently this insect has been spotted on The Big Island eating Mamaki. This insect is an invasive species so it is harmful to the environment. The Ramie Caterpillar is native to South-East Asia.

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The image above shows the Mamaki plant. The plant has many purposes such as tea, medicine, food for Pulelehua, etc. Mamaki is grown here on The Big Island. Recently an invasive specie called the Ramie Moth/Caterpillar has landed here and is eating all of the Mamaki!

Resources:

[The Maui News](#)

[Article:](#) Invasive moth found on Maui, eating mamaki

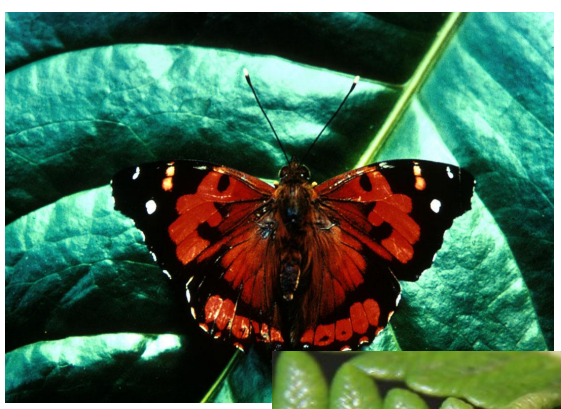
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# PROTECT MAMAKI

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Invasive specie, the Ramie Moth landed on the Big Island. What can we do to protect the Mamaki plant? What are some ways we can help out?



The Ramie Moth is an invasive species. Not long ago it was found here. I did some research and it said that that the Ramie Moth is a destructive pest that causes severe destruction. This why we need to stop this insect from causing harm to Hawai'i and other places in general!

You might know a little about Mamaki from the front page but I'll go more in depth on this side. The Mamaki plant serves as food and a habitat for Pulelehua (Kamehameha Butterfly). Mamaki is kind've like a little shrub. The plant is native to all of the Hawaiian islands except for Kahoolawe and Niihau.

The images show Pulelehua Kamehameha butterfly and caterpillar. They are endemic to Hawai'i which means they can only be found here. Since the Ramie Moth/Caterpillar arrived on the island they have been a threat to Pulelehua and Mamaki.