



People think that the Ramie caterpillar made it to Hawai'i by plant shipment. We need to stop the Ramie caterpillar and help the Kamehameha caterpillar! This may not seem like a big deal, but it is! Just think about it, a single **invasive** species can completely harm to whole environment. The Ramie caterpillar isn't the only invasive specie on the Big Island, but since it's new it's important to try and stop it before it's too late.



Eaten Mamaki by Ramie caterpillar on Maui

The invasive Ramie caterpillar eats the Native Mamaki plant, food to the Native Pululahua (Kamehameha caterpillar)



The Kamehameha butterfly on Mamaki

Resources:

[The Maui News](#)

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

[Windy.com](#)

Ramie Caterpillar is here on Big Island!

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The Ramie caterpillar sighted on big island eating Mamaki

The Ramie Moth/Caterpillar is invasive to Hawai'i. Recently, we found out that the Ramie caterpillar made it to Big Island! What can we do to help the Native Pulelua (Kamehameha butterfly/caterpillar) and the Native Mamaki plant.

Mamaki plant



Kamehameha caterpillar



Native

Ramie caterpillar



Invasive

<----This is a stem of the right and the wrong way. The right way is the **native** Kamehameha caterpillar, the wrong way is the **invasive** Ramie caterpillar.

Help the Kamehameha caterpillar by removing any Ramie caterpillars from your garden.

Closely monitor your Mamaki garden for signs of the Ramie caterpillar.