



Helping Home Gardeners Meet the Challenge of the Coffee Berry Borer

West Hawai'i Master Gardeners

West Hawai'i Master Gardeners are actively working to help gardeners meet the challenge of Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) damage in their home gardens. The group is presenting a consistent message for Integrated Pest Management (IPM) activities based on our current scientific data in collaboration with CTAHR Assistant Extension Agent for Coffee and Orchard Crops Andrea Kawabawa, the Kona Coffee Farmers Association, Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council and Tom Greenwell. CBB is a relatively new pest in West Hawai'i that has not only a major financial impact on the area, but also a very real impact on home gardeners growing coffee.

At our recent outreach at the Kona Coffee Farmers Association's EXPO, Master Gardeners displayed our up-to-date Poster Presentation, sold CBB traps and attractant and fielded many questions about managing CBB in the home garden.

West Hawai'i Master Gardeners also keep an updated information page on managing CBB in the Home Garden on our webpage: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/uhmg/WestHI/CBB.asp> and notify all members of the latest updates through our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Hawaii-Master-Gardeners/114131682009468?ref=hl>



West Hawai'i Master Gardeners will continue to encourage home gardeners to use the recommended IPM for management of CBB throughout the year, including at upcoming outreach events in February such as Pua Plantasia and Grow Hawaiian Festival.