

Buddleia asiatica

Dog tail, huelo 'ilio

Buddleia asiatica Lour.

Family: Buddleiaceae

Description: Shrub to 20 ft tall. Young stems hairy. Leaves opposite, alternate higher on the stem, 2–12 inches long by 3 inches wide, margins finely serrate. Flowers small, white or lavender, or greenish, in drooping tail-like inflorescence. Fruits are dry capsules, 0.2 inches long. Seeds tiny, winged on both ends. Genus named in honor of Rev. Adam Buddle, 17th–18th century English vicar and botanist⁽⁷⁰⁾; *asiatica*, of Asia⁽⁶⁹⁾.

Distribution: Native to south Asia, Taiwan, and Malaysia. Very common in mesic to wet pastures, forests, roadsides, and waste areas of O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui, and Hawai'i up to 4000 ft elevation. Collected on O'ahu in 1908⁽⁷⁰⁾.

Environmental impact: Invades disturbed areas of forests.



Management: Sensitive to glyphosate and hormone-type herbicides. Very sensitive to triclopyr ester applied to basal bark (10% product in oil) and triclopyr amine in foliar application at 2% product in water.