

Hiptage benghalensis

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Hiptage benghalensis (L.)
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Family: Malpighiaceae

Description: Woody vine, climbs high trees. Leaves opposite, leathery. Flowers in clusters, 5 fringed petals, white or pinkish, with yellow spot on lip. Fruit 3-parted, each part with a wing 1–2 inches long⁽⁵⁹⁾. *Hiptage*, meaning unknown; *benghalensis*, of Bengal, India⁽⁶⁹⁾.

Distribution: From Asia between India and the Philippines. Infests forested areas in Hulē'ia National Wildlife Refuge on Kaua'i.

Environmental impact: Smothers tall trees.

Management: Very-low-volume basal bark applications of triclopyr killed 50% of treated plants. Survivors were plants with larger-diameter stems in which the treatment did not cover the circumference of the stem completely.

