

Montanoa hibiscifolia

Tree daisy

Montanoa hibiscifolia Benth.

Family: Asteraceae

Description: Large, branched shrub to 12 ft tall. Leaves opposite, broad, 1.8 ft long by 1 ft wide, usually deeply lobed, hairy. Showy sprays of daisy-like flowers bloom in winter; disk yellow, ray petals white. Seed an achene, dark reddish brown, 4-angled, 1 inch long. Named in honor of Luis Montana, 18th century Mexican physician and botanist; *hibiscifolia*, leaves like that of hibiscus^(5, 70).

Distribution: Native to Mexico and Central America. Occurs in mesic to dry pastures and conservation sites on Kaua'i, O'ahu, Lana'i, Maui, and Hawai'i. Introduced in 1919⁽⁷⁰⁾. Also a problem in South Africa⁽²²⁾.

Environmental impact: Forms dense stands in drier mesic areas.



Management: Sensitive to basal bark applications of 2,4-D and triclopyr and to soil-applied tebuthiuron.