Roseapple

*Syzygium jambos* (L.) Alston

Family: Myrtaceae

**Description:** Large tree to 50 ft tall. Leaves ovate, up to 9 inches long by 2 inches wide. Flowers in clusters, 4 white to greenish-white petals, 200 stamens, creamy white. Fruits yellow, often tinged with rose; sweet, flowery taste; encloses a single seed loosely held. *Jambos*, after Jambi, an Indonesian province on Sumatra.

**Distribution:** Origin probably tropical Asia, brought to Hawai‘i for its fruit in 1825 from Brazil. Occurs on all the main islands except Ni‘ihau and Kaho‘olawe in moist to wet areas. Also a pest in Florida and in the Galapagos.

**Environmental impact:** Forms dense stands in mesic forests and pastures, shading out undergrowth.

**Management:** Sensitive to picloram applied cut-surface and to glyphosate applied to drilled holes. Good control with triclopyr applied basal bark and cut-surface.