

PEST ALERT!



Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles Have Been Found on Kaua'i



Adult CRB are large (1.5-2 inches), shiny, dark brown beetle with horns on its head.



CRB larva, or grub, is light colored and can grow up to 4 inches



Kaua'i residents are requested to check all compost bins and green waste for the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) and its larvae and report any suspect beetles. Breeding grounds for CRB include trees, green waste, compost, mulch, trimmings, fruit and vegetation scraps and decaying stumps of palm and palm-related plants.

CRBs have been found in traps near the Līhu'e Airport area around the Līhu'e Transfer Station in late May 2023. This is the first detection of CRB outside of O'ahu.

Response crews from the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, the Kaua'i Invasive Species Committee and other partner agencies are surveying the island to detect possible breeding sites so that appropriate eradication measures may be implemented.

The CRB is a serious pest of palm trees, primarily coconut palms, as the adult beetles bore into the crowns of the palms to feed on the tree's sap.

Early detection of infestations increase the chances of eradicating this pest on Kaua'i.

Report suspected CRB via the state's toll-free Pest Hotline at (808) 643-PEST (7378). For more information, go to <https://www.crbhawaii.org/>

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