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The Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council (TN-EPPC) website(<http://www.webriver.com/tn-eppc/index.htm>) provides droves of Appalachian lore and exotic species management insights including the Tennessee Exotic Plant Management Manual. This is a major model of a modern major management manual, providing not only specifics needed for Vols vexed with vicious vetches, but also outlanders seeking a fine example of how to compile similar manuals for other regions. TN-EPPC's past newsletters are available, and they're chocked full of nuts and propagules of weed management action and thought. Also available are the proceedings of the Exotic Pest of Eastern Forests Conference along with landscaping tips and suggestions for the region. Lots of thought, cooperation, and web-mastery created this very worthy and informative page that is equally useful to the public resource manager or the private property owner. *Submitted by Mike Bodle.*



The Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk (HEAR) website (www.hear.org) (referred to in this issue's article on *Miconia calvescens*) is a thorough source of information on exotic species invading the Hawaiian archipelago. Besides clearly outlining the general goals of the membership of multi-agency natural resource managers, a wealth of specific products are available. These include distribution maps of selected alien species in Hawaii, access to the database of field reports of the species, harmful species alert sheets, a new climate model providing predictive guidance for the potential ranges of introduced and not-as-yet introduced species in the islands, and lots of related articles and links to other sites.

When authoritative information is unavailable, the war on invasive species can grind to a halt. The wide-ranging material available for instant retrieval from this site could help answer queries from legislative staffers in a flash, convince wary property owners

Let us hear about your favorite exotic websites! E-mail the locations of cool sites (preferably sites that focus on exotic plants) to aferrite@sfwmd.gov. Include a brief description of the site in your message.

that they should jump on the invasive species bandwagon, and give inquiring reporters thorough background on vital stories. This site warrants emulation by all others engaged in the battle against biological invaders. *Submitted by Mike Bodle.*

The Need to Know Library - Ecology and Environment Page(<http://www.peak.org/-mageet/tkm/ecolenv.htm>). The volunteers who maintain this page successfully provide lots of worldwide web links in ecology, conservation biology, botany and systematics. They share comprehensive lists of topics within categories including non-indigenous invasive species, world heritage areas, wetlands and wetland classification, related laws and regulatory policies, botanical research, journals and societies. The layout clearly leads the surfer through 16 pages of related topics that could jog a foggy memory to recall a past-read article, or help mentor a prospective science fair participant toward the perfect empirical experiment. Comprehensive lists, clear design and attractive graphics garner this site two upward clicks. *Submitted by Mike Bodle.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Evolution '99 Joint Meeting - The Society for the Study of Evolution, The American Society of Naturalists, The Society of Systemic Biologists. June 22-26, 1999. Contact Ms Pat Gaitan, The Pyle Center, 608/262-6696, gaitan@ecc.uwex.edu.

11th European Weed Research Society Symposium, Basal Switzerland. June 28-July 1 1999. Contact: EWRS 41 62 868 6063.

Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting, Radisson Hotel, Asheville, NC. July 11-14, 1999. Contact: Lewis Decell 601 638 7150.

International Botanical Congress, St. Louis MS. August 1-7, 1999. Contact: <http://www.ibcpp.org>.

12th Australian Weeds Conference, West Point Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania. September 12-16, 1999. Contact: www.cdesign.com.au/tasweed/twsweb01.htm.

Society for Ecological Restoration Annual Symposium: Reweaving the world - restoration, community, culture, San Francisco, CA. September 23-25, 1999.

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Daytona Beach, FL. October 5-7, 1999. Contact John Rodgers 813/744-6163.

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Walk Softly, but Carry a Big ... *Melaleuca* Walking Stick?

That's right! *Melaleuca* walking sticks are all the craze. And for every one sold, one less remains in the wilds. What's more, with each purchase of a *Melaleuca* walking stick from the Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee Florida, a cash donation is made to the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. All of this thanks to the gracious generosity of gallery owners **Clyde and Niki Butcher**. A letter from Niki states, "we carry the *Melaleuca* walking sticks in our gallery as a way to educate people about the problems of the *Melaleuca*. We wanted to do more than just educate, so after talking with Tony Pernas, Clyde and I decided to donate \$10.00 from each stick that was sold in our gallery to the FLEPPC." A special gift indeed. Chairman Pernas and the Board of Directors plan on debating the fate of these new funds at the next Board of Directors meeting in May. —*Dan Thayer, FLEPPC Treasurer*