

## *Epipremnum pinnatum*

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Arales	Araceae

**Common name** enredadera (Spanish), devil's ivy (English), long wei cao (Chinese), ara (English, Cook Islands), centipede tongavine (English), pothos (English), money plant (English), golden pothos (English), gefleckte Efeutute (German), cortina (Spanish), selkasohlap (English, Pohnpei), variegated-philodendron (English), Tongavine (English), taro vine (English)

**Synonym** *Epipremnum mirabile* , Schott  
*Philodendron nechodomae* , Britton  
*Pothos pinnatus* , L.  
*Rhaphidophora merrillii* , Engl.  
*Scindapsus aureus* , (Lindl. & Andr.) Engl.

## Similar species

**Summary** Pothos vine (*Epipremnum pinnatum*) is a common escaped garden vine. It climbs up tree trunks and into the forest canopy, primarily in disturbed areas and along roadsides, smothering native plants. The plant is poisonous when eaten and can cause minor skin irritation when touched.



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## Species Description

Please follow this link for [images of \*Epipremnum pinnatum\*](#)

## Management Info

**Preventative measures:** A [Risk Assessment of \*Epipremnum pinnatum\*](#) for the Pacific Region was prepared by Dr. Curtis Daehler (UH Botany) with funding from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program and US Forest Service. The alien plant screening system is derived from Pheloung *et al.* (1999) with minor modifications for use in Pacific islands (Daehler *et al.* 2004). The result is a high score of 9 and a recommendation of: "Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawaii and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behavior in Hawaii and/or other parts of the world."

A [Risk Assessment of \*Epipremnum pinnatum\*](#) for Florida in the USA returned a high score of 11 with a recommendation to 'reject' the plant for import.

## Principal source:

**Compiler:** IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG) with support from the Overseas Territories Environmental Programme (OTEP) project XOT603, a joint project with the Cayman Islands Government - Department of Environment

## Review:



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