

Mustang Island's Most Unwanted: Brazilian Peppertree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*)



What's the Issue?

Brazilian peppertree is a non-native, invasive species in Texas. Once sold as an ornamental species, its sale and distribution are now prohibited in Texas. The plant invades areas such as fields, dunes, ditches, drained wetlands, roadsides and coastal prairies. As infestations grow, they form dense thickets that shade out native vegetation and destroy nesting habitat for coastal birds.

Still common as a landscape plant on Mustang Island, the species can take on many looks. Trees can be large in form or be trimmed hedges and shrubs. All species readily spread to new areas and cause similar issues to our lands.



What Can You Do?

First, do not allow Brazilian peppertree to spread. If you have a plant in your yard, keep it trimmed and do not allow the plant to produce berries.

Secondly, consider removing any Brazilian peppertree on your land. For management information, please visit www.texasinvasives.org.

Lastly, get involved in the fight against Brazilian peppertree and help protect Mustang Island.

Community Open House All Welcome!

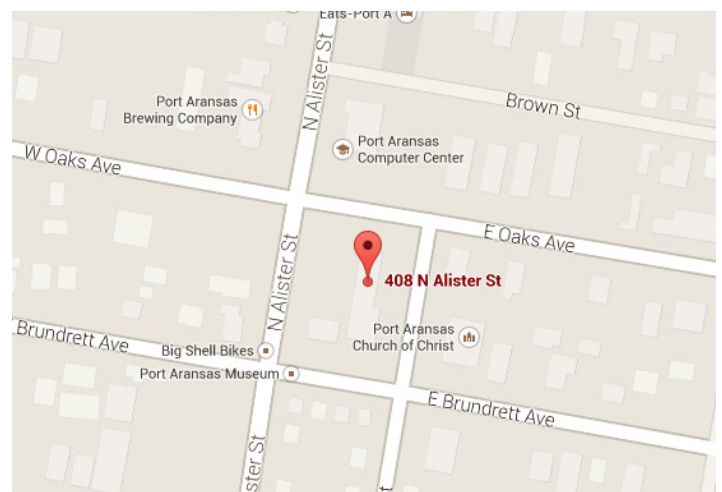
Thursday, October 2nd
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Location and Time

Join us at the City of Port Aransas Community Center (408 N Alister Street) from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 2nd.

Community members will have the opportunity to speak with members of the Texas Gulf Region Cooperative Weed Management Area to learn about Brazilian peppertree and efforts to remove the damaging species from Mustang Island. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided by the City of Port Aransas.



This event is hosted by the City of Port Aransas and the Texas Gulf Region Cooperative Weed Management Area, a non-regulatory, community partnership of non-profits, agencies, academia and citizens all working to remove invasive, Brazilian peppertree from Mustang Island on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Learn more about the Texas Gulf Region Cooperative Weed Management Area and join the fight against Brazilian peppertree on Mustang Island by visiting: www.texasinvasives.org/professionals/gulfregion.php