

# *Adenanthera pavonina*

## RED SANDALWOOD

### *Fabaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

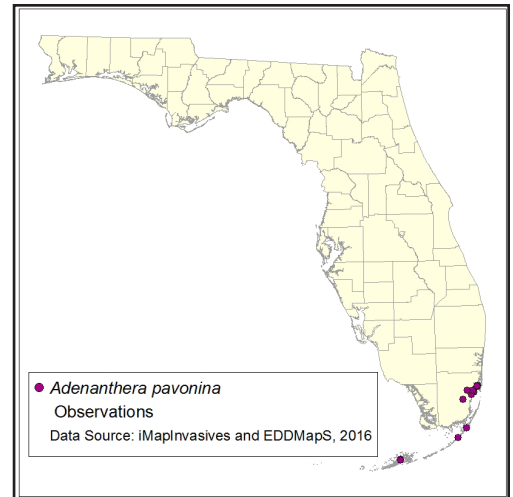
**IFAS Assessment**

North	OK
Central	OK
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 10B - 11

**Growth Habit:** Tree

**Origin:** Tropical Asia, S. China, India, N. Australia, and Solomon Islands



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**Description:** Deciduous tree to 20 m tall with a buttressed trunk and flaky bark. Alternate, stalked, leaves, twice compound to 40 cm long, glabrous to glaucous beneath, dark green above. Small pale yellow to orange flowers (not pea-shaped) on elongated stalks arising from leaf axils, fragrant. Fruit a long narrow pod, maturing black and twisted with shiny red seeds.

**Note:** Similar to *Albizia lebbek*, bark of *Adenanthera pavonina* reddish

**Habitat:** Prairie hammock, rockland hammock, disturbed sites

**Comments:** Potential problem species in tropical areas, possible EDRR candidate if not well established. Seeds persist in soil for up to 5 years. Seeds dispersed by birds.

**Florida Introduction Date:** pre-1930

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: hand-pull seedlings (IFAS).

Chemical: Basal bark (10% triclopyr ester, IFAS), cut stump (50% triclopyr amine or 10% triclopyr ester, IFAS).

**Useful Resources:**

Dave's Garden. 2013. PlantFiles: Red sandalwood, Coral tree, *Adenanthera pavonina*. <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/51496/>. Accessed on December 2, 2013.

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