

# *Antigonon leptopus*

CORAL VINE

*Polygonaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

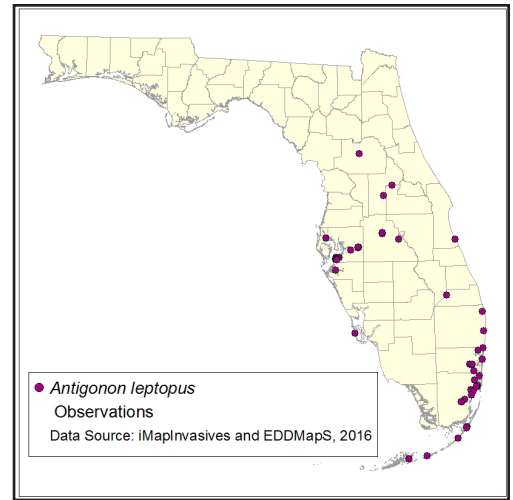
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 8a-10b

**Growth Habit:** Vine

**Origin:** Mexico



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**Description:** Perennial, herbaceous vine to 12 m with a slightly woody base and tuberous roots. Stems jointed with tendrils, and appearing in a zigzag pattern, often hairy. Leaves alternate, simple, to 15 cm long and 10 cm wide, heart-shaped with wavy margins. Showy, pink to purplish red, stalked flowers to 2.5 cm long. Fruit a small 3-angled achene.

**Habitat:** hammock margins and disturbed areas

**Comments:** Highly invasive in Guam.

**Florida Introduction Date:** pre-1916

**Control Methods:**

Chemical: Limited research or data on chemical control, best recommendation foliar application of glyphosate or trichlopyr (IFAS, CAIP).

**Useful Resources:**

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