

Dichrostachys cinerea ssp. africana

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Fabaceae

Common Synonyms: *Dichrostachys cinerea*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

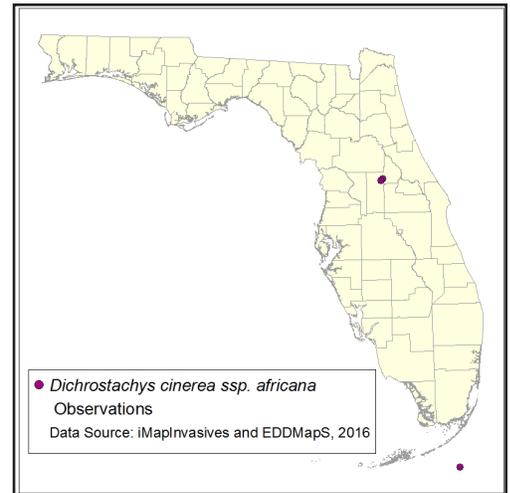
IFAS Assessment

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| North | INVASIVE |
| Central | INVASIVE |
| South | INVASIVE |

USDA Hardiness Zone: 8a - 11

Growth Habit: Tree

Origin: Africa



Tony Pernas, USDI National Park Service, Bugwood.org

Description: Semi-deciduous tree to 7 m tall. Bark brown except on new branches where it is green and hairy. Alternate spines up to 8 cm long, recurved. Leaves bipinnate, dark green above, pale below, leaflets and stalks hairy. Flowers in a pink hanging spike of dense flowers (bottlebrush-like). Fruit a narrow pod, yellow to brown, twisted, 10 cm long with 4 black seeds.

Habitat: Hydric hammock

Comments: Vouchered in several counties from Monroe north to Dade, Palm Beach, and Polk. Grows in dense thickets via root suckering. Not tolerant of frost or waterlogging.

Florida Introduction Date: specimen vouchered in 1929

Control Methods:

No specific recommendations available.

Useful Resources:

Dave's Garden. 2013. PlantFiles: Sickle bush, princess earrings, Kalahari Christmas tree, Marabou thorn, *Dichrostachys cinerea*. <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/89130/>. Accessed on December 3, 2013.

World Agroforestry Center. 2013. *Dichrostachys cinerea*. <http://www.worldagroforestry.org/treedb2/speciesprofile.php?Spid=675>. Accessed on December 9, 2013.