

# *Epipremnum pinnatum*

POTHOS

Araceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

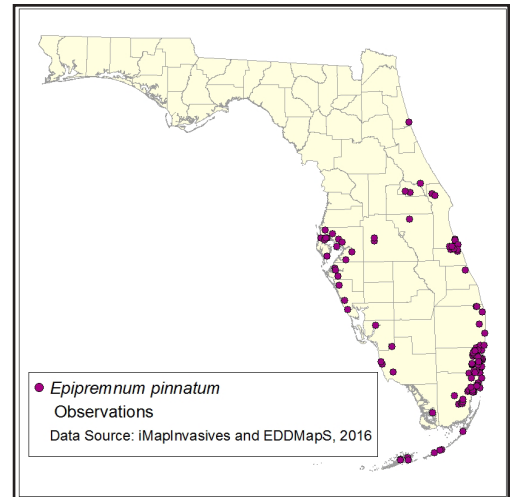
**IFAS Assessment**

North	OK
Central	CAUTION
South	INVASIVE

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

**Growth Habit:** Vine

**Origin:** Solomon Islands, China to tropical Asia



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**Description:** Herbaceous, evergreen, vine to 30 m climbing high into trees with aerial roots. Stems and leaf stalks sheathed with leaf-like bracts that wither and remain as fibrous sheaths. Leaves alternate, juvenile and mature leaves have different forms. Juvenile leaves are simple, entire, glossy, to 30 cm long, while mature leaves are elliptic to oblong and irregularly divided or deeply lobed, often variegated to 80 cm long. Inflorescence a fleshy cylindrical spike to 17 cm long with tiny densely-packed cream-colored flowers sheathed by a cream-colored bract. Fruit a small berry.

**Habitat:** tropical hardwood hammocks, floodplain forests, pinelands, hammocks, disturbed areas

**Comments:** Roots easily from cuttings.

**Florida Introduction Date:** 1974

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: Hand pull and remove from site.

Chemical: Foliar (3% Trichlopyr ester, IFAS), basal bark (10% Trichlopyr ester, IFAS)

Note: Multiple treatments are required

**Useful Resources:**

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