

Jacquinia racemosa

CUDJOEWOOD

Theophrastaceae

Common Synonyms: *Bonellia macrocarpa*, *Jacquinia macrocarpa*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

IFAS Assessment

North -
Central -
South -

USDA Hardiness Zone: 10b-11

Growth Habit: Tree or shrub

Origin: West Indies, Mexico



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Description: Shrubs or trees to 4 m tall; twigs puberulous-lepidote when young, glabrescent. Stems gray, smooth. Leaves usually alternate, petiole to 6 mm, sparsely puberulent adaxially; blade usually elliptic, sometimes lanceolate or oblanceolate, 3-6 × 1-2 cm. Racemes to 3 cm long. Pedicels ca. 1 mm; bracts lanceolate, 3-7 mm. Flowers with sepals 3-4 mm, margins entire or slightly erose; corolla lobes ovate to suborbiculate, 6-9 mm; stamens shorter than staminodes; staminodes suborbiculate, apex slightly 3-lobed. Berries 3-4 cm in diameter; pericarp wrinkled. Seeds ca. 1 cm. Flowering year-round.

Note: The state threatened species *Jacquinia keyensis* also occurs in the keys.

Habitat: disturbed areas

Comments: High Risk/Undesirable Traits- Grows in tropical climates, can grow in a range of environmental conditions, naturalizing in Florida, leaves with needle-sharp spines, shade tolerant, tolerates many soil types, seeds dispersed by birds and other frugivorous animals, tolerates severe pruning, lack of biological and ecological information makes

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1995.

Control Methods:

Mechanical: Pulling seedlings by hand

Chemical: Cut-stump method of herbicide application using 50% triclopyr diluted in water

Useful Resources:

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