

Kalanchoe daigremontiana

DEVIL'S BACKBONE

Crassulaceae

Common Synonyms: *Bryophyllum daigremontianum* (Raym.-Hamet & H. Perrier) A. Berger

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

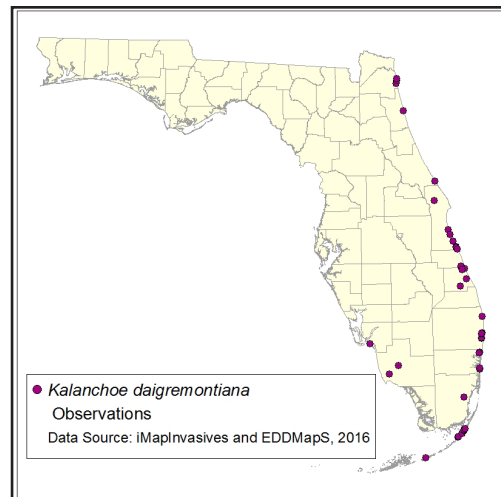
IFAS Assessment

North -
Central -
South -

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9-11

Growth Habit: Forb/herb

Origin: Madagascar



<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=7233>

Description: A perennial succulent up to 1m tall with opposite or whorled fleshy oblong-lanceolate leaves up to 20cm long. Leaves are green above and blotched with purple underneath. Leaf edges produce spoon-shaped bulbs which bear plantlets. The plant may also form lateral roots above the ground surface. Has umbrella-shaped terminal inflorescence of small bell-shaped pink flowers.

Habitat: Can grow dense thickets in dry and arid environments from roadsides to forest understories.

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1934

Control Methods:

5% foliar glyphosate treatment. Follow-up hand removal of fallen leaves to prevent sprouting.

Useful Resources:

Invasive Species Compendium (<http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/115049>)