

# *Ligustrum lucidum*

## GLOSSY PRIVET

### Oleaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 1

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

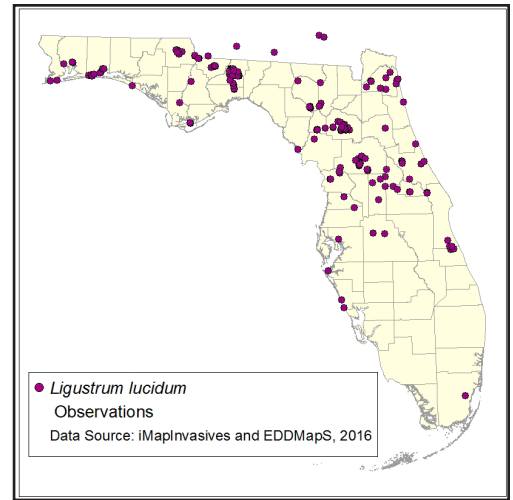
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
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South	CAUTION

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

**Growth Habit:** Evergreen shrub or small tree

**Origin:** China



**Description:** Evergreen shrub or tree to 10 m tall, but typically smaller, with a dense, rounded crown and glabrous twigs with corky lenticels. Leaves opposite, simple, leathery, ovate to elliptic, to 15 cm long by 6 cm wide, glossy dark green above; margins entire, with a thin translucent vein often visible when held up to light, bases rounded to broadly wedge shaped, tips narrowing to a sharp point; leaves often V-shaped (as if folded lengthwise down the middle). Flowers small, white, fragrant, bisexual, numerous, in pyramidal clusters at branch tips. Corolla tube to 3 mm, equaling or shorter than the corolla lobes, stamens exerted beyond corolla. Fruit a persistent, globose to oblong, blackish-purple drupe, to 8 mm long.

*Ligustrum japonicum* differs by having leaves 7.5-10 cm long, apex obtuse to bluntly pointed, and lacking obvious marginal vein.

**Habitat:** hammock and hardwood forest

**Comments:** When digging up plants, the entire root system must be removed to prevent resprouting. Seeds dispersed by birds.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida herbarium specimen vouchered in 1936.

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: Mowing and cutting, physical control such as seedling removal and burning.

Chemical: Foliar spraying in late autumn or early spring with glyphosate or 2% triclopyr, cut stump applications using 25% solution of glyphosate and water, and basal bark applications of 25% triclopyr and 75% horticultural oil (IFAS).

**Useful Resources:**

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