

# *Merremia tuberosa*

## SPANISH ARBORVINE

### *Convolvulaceae*

Common Synonyms: *Ipomoea tuberosa*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

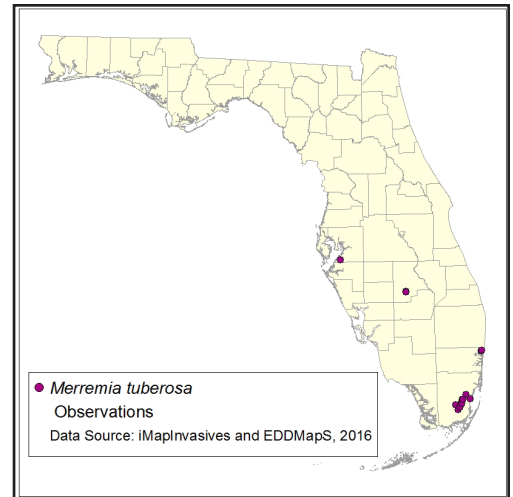
**IFAS Assessment**

North	OK
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 9b -11

**Growth Habit:** Vine

**Origin:** Central America



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**Description:** Perennial, woody to herbaceous vine. Leaves alternate, simple, palmately lobed, elliptic. Flowers showy, solitary, yellow, tubular, 6 cm wide, and on long stalks. Sepals large, brown, persist after the flower and surround the fruit (resembling a wooden rose). Fruit a round, capsule with 1-4 hairy, black seeds.

**Habitat:** Hammocks, forests, riverine forests

**Comments:** Vouchered in Monroe, Dade, Broward, and Hillsborough Co. Weed of disturbed areas. Very aggressive in hardwood forests. Seeds viable for long periods of time. Seeds water dispersed. Wood roses used in floral arrangements.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Before 1913

**Control Methods:**

Chemical: Foliar (5% glyphosate, IFAS), basal bark (10% triclopyr ester, IFAS), cut stump (50% triclopyr amine or 10% triclopyr ester, IFAS)

**Useful Resources:**

- Dave's Garden. 2013. PlantFiles: Wood rose, Spanish morning glory, yellow morning glory, *Merremia tuberosa*. <http://daves-garden.com/guides/pf/go/31829/>. Accessed on December 10, 2013.
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