

# *Mimusops coriacea*

## MONKEY'S APPLE

### Sapotaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

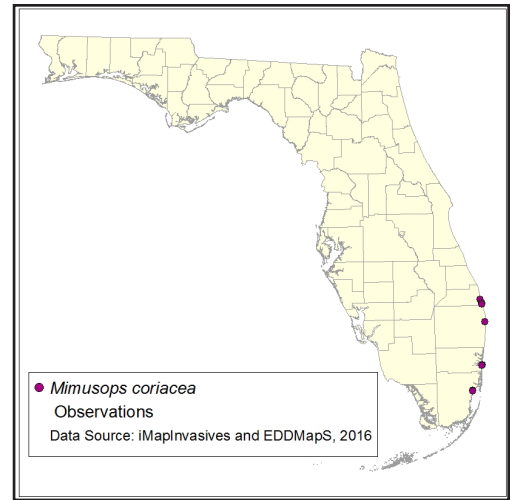
IFAS Assessment

North -  
Central -  
South -

USDA Hardiness Zone: N/A

Growth Habit: Evergreen tree

Origin: Madagascar



**Description:** Evergreen tree to 15 m tall. Leaves alternate, simple, entire, leathery, green and lustrous above, obovate to broadly elliptic, to 20 cm long and 12 cm wide, apex notched. Petioles stout, 1-1.5 cm long. Flowers born singly or in clusters in leaf axils, creamy white, 15 mm wide, corolla with 8 narrow lobes, each divided again into 3 lobes. Pedicel 4-8 cm long. Fruit ovoid, yellow to orange, 3-5 cm in diameter, seeds 1-2.

Note: Related *Mimusops elengeri* has leaf apex abruptly acuminate or blunt, pedicels shorter, and smaller fruit.

**Habitat:** disturbed areas

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida herbarium specimen vouchered in 2008.

**Control Methods:**

No specific treatments available.

**Useful Resources:**

Nelson, G. 2011. *The Trees of Florida: A Reference and Field Guide*. Pineapple Press. Sarasota, Florida.