

Bauhinia purpurea

PURPLE ORCHID TREE

Fabaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

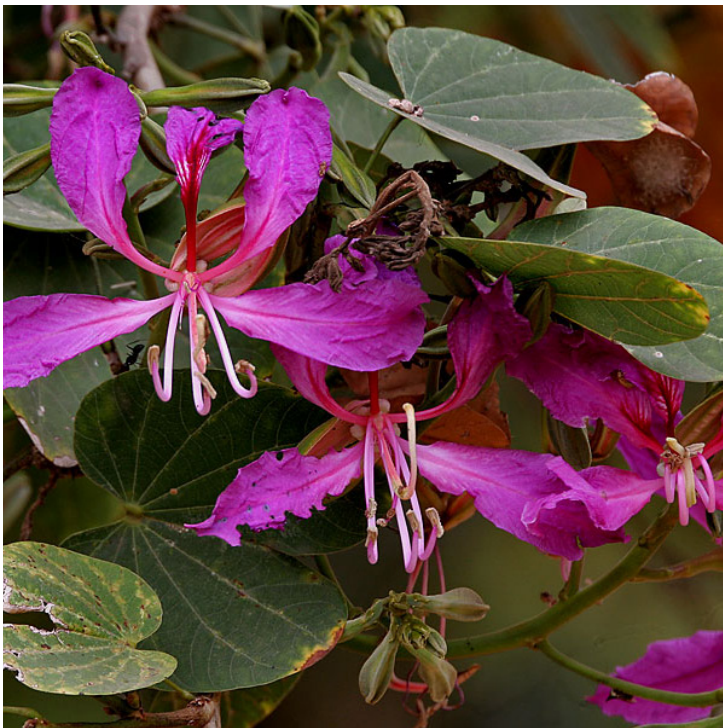
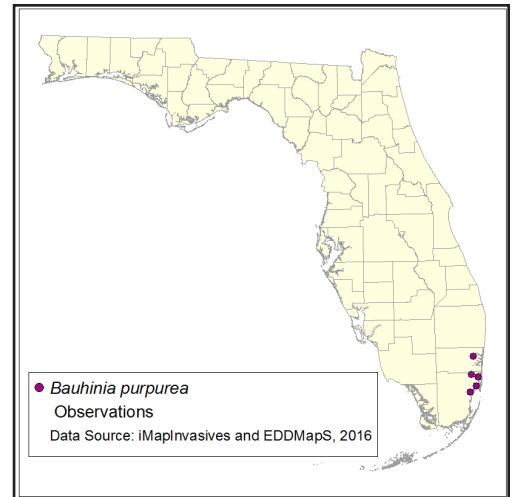
IFAS Assessment

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| North | INVASIVE |
| Central | INVASIVE |
| South | INVASIVE |

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9a-11

Growth Habit: Tree

Origin: Tropical Asia



Phanera purpurea flower (kaniar) in Hyderabad, India, by J.M. Garghttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phanera_purpureaUsed under Creative Commons 3.0 license

Description: Evergreen tree to 10 m tall. Leaves thick and deeply-divided into two lobes. Showy flowers of variable color (pink, purple, red, cream), 8-10 cm wide. Fruits are a green legume turning dark brown at maturity.

Habitat: disturbed areas

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1982.

Control Methods: .

Chemical: Basal bark (10% trichlopyr ester), cut stump (50% trichlopyr amine). [IFAS].

Useful Resources:

Invasive Species South Africa. 2014. Butterfly Orchid Tree, *Bauhinia purpurea*. <http://www.invasives.org.za/invasive-species/item/196-butterfly-orchid-tree%7Cbauhinia-purpurea.html>. Accessed on June 26, 2014.

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Comments: Planted as an ornamental for its attractive flowers.