

Eugenia uniflora

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Myrtaceae

Common Synonyms: *Eugenia michelii*

FLEPPC Category: 1

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

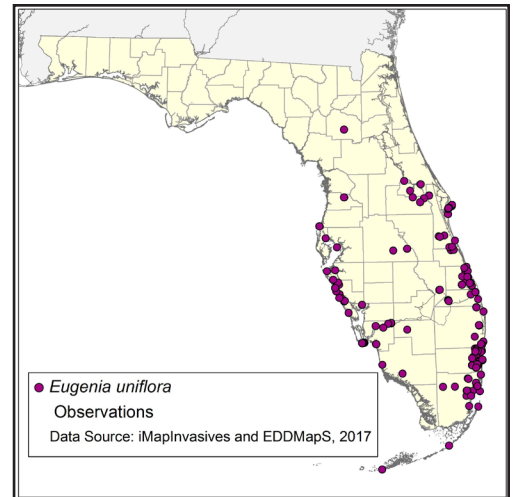
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	INVASIVE

USDA Hardiness Zone: 10a-11

Growth Habit: Shrub, tree

Origin: Brazil



Dennis Girard

Description: An evergreen branching shrub or small tree, as tall as 10 m. New shoots with reddish hairs and deep red, fleshy new leaves. Leaves are simple, opposite, short petioled. 2.5-8 cm in length, oval shaped, with shiny dark green top surface and duller under surface. Flowers and fruits in spring. Flowers are fragrant and white, 1-1.5 cm across. Flowers occur solitary or in clusters of 2 or 3 at the leaf axil. Fruit fleshy orange to red berry, 4 cm wide with 1-3 seeds.

Native *Eugenia* spp. have larger fruit and some solitary flowers at leaf axils. *E. uniflora* leaves have a distinct odor when crushed.

Habitat: Disturbed hammocks

Florida Introduction Date: 1931

Control Methods: Mechanical: Seedlings should be hand pulled.

Chemical: Basal bark for plants up to « inch diameter, 10% triclopyr ester; cut-stump 50% triclopyr 3A or 10% triclopyr ester..

Useful Resources:

IFAS, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. 2018. *Eugenia uniflora*. <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/eugenia-uniflora/>. Accessed on June 11, 2018.

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Comments: In Florida, usually remains shrub sized. Widely planted as a hedge species in central and south Florida. Flowers and fruits in spring, and sometimes has a second flowering period during the fall.