

# *Lantana strigocamara*

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Verbenaceae

Common Synonyms: *Lantana camara*

**FLEPPC Category:** 1

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

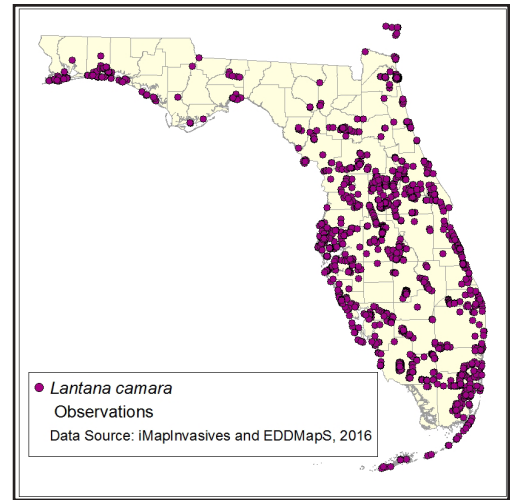
**IFAS Assessment**

North	INVASIVE
Central	INVASIVE
South	INVASIVE

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

**Growth Habit:** Shrub

**Origin:** West Indies



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**Description:** Multistemmed, deciduous shrub to 2 m with square stems, covered with bristly hairs and small prickles. Stalked leaves opposite, simple, rough hairy, to 15 cm, with blunt-toothed margins. Leaves bearing strong odor. Showy flowers small, multicolored in dense clusters to 4 cm across. Corolla a narrow tube with four spreading lobes and variable in color (orange, pink, yellow, red). Fruit a fleshy, round, 2-seeded drupe, black.

**Habitat:** pinelands, hammocks, disturbed areas

**Florida Introduction Date:** 1804

**Control Methods:** .

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

**Useful Resources:**

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**Comments:** A serious worldwide invader, a serious to common weed in 25 countries. Hybridizes with the native *Lantana depressa*, contaminating the gene pool.