

# *Macroptilium lathyroides*

## WILD BUSHBEAN

### *Fabaceae*

Common Synonyms: *Phaseolus lathyroides*, *P. semierectus*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

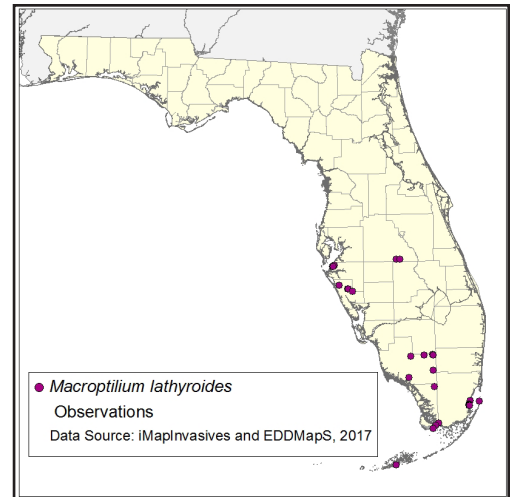
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 8a-11

**Growth Habit:** Forb/Herb, Vine

**Origin:** Central America, North America-Mexico, South America



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**Description:** Wild bushbean is herbaceous and short-lived. 0.6-1 m tall, sometimes trailing or twining. May become woody at the base. Stems are sparsely to densely pubescent. Leaves are trifoliate, leaflets entire, ovate to lanceolate, or narrowly elliptic, 3-8 cm long, 1-3.5cm wide. Upper surface of leaves are glabrous while lower surface has adpressed hairs. Inflorescence are semi-erect, spicata raceme, about 15 cm long on axillary peduncle. Flowers are on very short pedicel, calyx campanulate, are red to red-purple in color, wing and keel petals are greenish, red, or white. Pods are linear, sub-cylindrical, glabrous or pubescent. Each pod contains up to 20 seeds. Seeds are brown or with brown and black markings.

**Habitat:** Disturbed sites. Found throughout the central peninsula and the western panhandle.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen available vouchered in 1944

**Control Methods:** .

**Useful Resources:**

<http://davesgarden.com> accessed 13 June, 2017

[http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Macroptilium\\_lathyroides.htm](http://www.tropicalforages.info/key/Forages/Media/Html/Macroptilium_lathyroides.htm)

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