

Psidium guajava

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Myrtaceae

Common Synonyms: *Guajava pyriformis*, *Myrtus guajava*

FLEPPC Category: 1

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

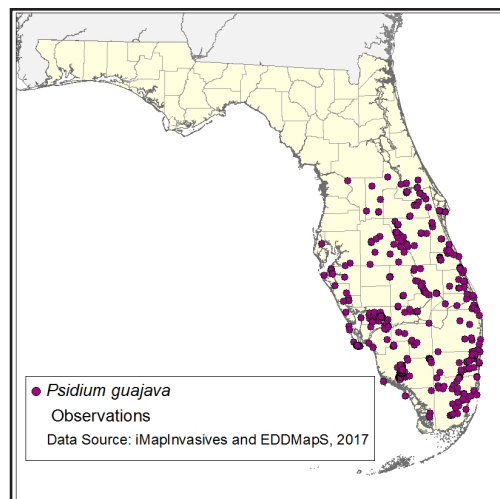
IFAS Assessment

North	OK
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9a-11

Growth Habit: Shrub, Tree

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



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Description: Is a shrub or tree that grows up to 9 m high, has greenish-brown bark, and is pubescent. The leaves are opposite and pubescent on the lower leaf surface. The veins are impressed above and conspicuously raised below. The flowers are white and form individually or in a small group on the leaf axil. The fruit is oval shaped, is yellow when mature, and has many seeds.

Psidium cattleianum

Habitat: Hammocks and pinelands, cypress stands, open woodlands and forests. Found in south and central Florida

Florida Introduction Date: Naturalized by 1765

Control Methods: .

Basal bark or cut stump: 10% Triclopyr ester 61.6% L..

Useful Resources:

Langeland, K.A., H.M. Cherry, C.M. McCormick, K.C. Burks. 2008. Identification and Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas-Second Edition. IFAS Publication SP 257. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Wunderlin, Richard P., and Bruce F. Hansen. Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida. 3rd ed. Gainesville, FL: U of Florida, 2011.

Comments: Planted for edible fruit and as ornament. Also serves as a host for the naturalized Caribbean fruit fly *Anastrepha suspensa*. Has high fruit set and seed dispersal.