

Solanum diphyllum

TWOLEAF NIGHTSHADE

Solanaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: 2

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

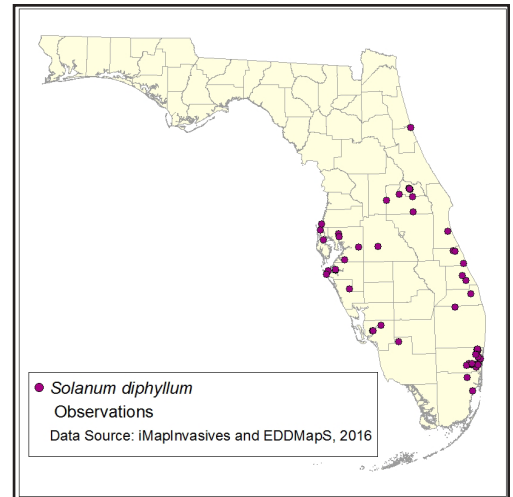
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9a-11

Growth Habit: Shrub

Origin: Mexico, Central America



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Description: Shrub upright, up to 2~m tall. Branches smooth, dark maroon brown turning white with age. Leaves paired, larger major leaf widest at the center, 4.7-6.8~cm long and 2.2~cm wide, minor leaf up 1.5~cm long and 1.4~cm wide. Flowers in upper leaf axils, white turning whitish-lavender, 1~cm wide. Fruit a globose berry, to 1.2~cm in diameter, yellow to orange and fleshy when ripe.

Habitat: Floodplain forest, maritime hammock, rockland hammock.

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1966.

Control Methods: Mechanical: pull and destroy individual plants when practical..

. The leaf-eating chrysomelid beetle *Leptinotarsa undecimlineata*, is reported to be host-specific and might be a useful control agent

Useful Resources:

IFAS, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. 2013. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/AG/AG31800.pdf>. Accessed on December 10, 2013.

Long, R. W. and O. Lakela. A Flora of Tropical Florida. 1971. Banyan Books, Miami, Florida.

Comments: Widespread in central and south but not in north.