**Terminalia muelleri**  
AUSTRALIAN ALMOND  
Combretaceae

Common Synonyms: none

**FLEPPC Category:** 2  
**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No  
**IFAS Assessment**  
North: CAUTION  
Central: CAUTION  
South: CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 10b-11  
**Growth Habit:** Tree  
**Origin:** Australia

**Description:** Deciduous tree to 15~m tall. Branches conspicuously whorled and horizontally tiered. Leaves simple, alternate, obovate, clustered on twigs, to 15~cm long and 8~cm wide, dark green, turning vivid red prior to leaf fall (usually at least one red leaf present). Lateral veins prominent, in 6-9 pairs. Margins entire, bases wedge shaped, apex broad, rounded, petiole to 1.3~cm. Inflorescence a slender, open, many-flowered spike, shorter than the leaves. Flowers small, white, petals lacking. Fruit a firm, fleshy drupe, ellipsoid, purplish-blue with a whitish bloom when mature, to 2~cm long and 1.3~cm wide, 1 seeded. Seed 1.3~cm by 1.0~cm. Resembles Terminalia catappa in habit, but smaller.

**Habitat:** rockland and coastal hammocks

**Florida Introduction Date:** pre 1942  
**Control Methods:** Manual: hand pull seedlings... Basal bark: 10% Garlon 4. Cut stump: 50% Garlon 3A..  
**Useful Resources:**  

**Comments:** Flowers and fruits all year. Seeds dispersed by water and animals.