

## SMOOTH STRONGBARK

*Bourreria cassinifolia* (A. Rich.) Griseb.

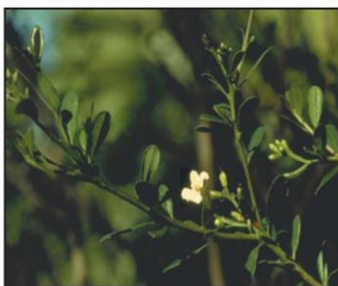
**Synonyms:** *Ehretia cassinifolia* A. Rich.;

*Morelosia cassinifolia* (A. Rich.) Kuntze

**Family:** Ehretiaceae (ehretia)

**FNAI Ranks:** G3?/S1

**Legal Status:** US-none; FL-Endangered



*Bourreria cassinifolia*



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*Bourreria succulenta*

**Field Description:** Evergreen, low-branched **shrub** to 3 m tall, usually less than 1.5 m. **Leaves** about 2.5 cm long, oval, simple, alternate, entire, rough-hairy, tips rounded with a minute point. **Flowers** less than 13 mm long, white, solitary, tubular with 5 lobes, in loosely branched clusters at the ends of twigs. **Fruit** small, round, orange, fleshy.

**Similar Species:** Bahama strongbark (*Bourreria succulenta*), state-endangered, is a small tree or shrub; leaves 6.4 - 12 cm long, with smooth upper surfaces (young leaves are rough), and reddish-orange fruits. Rough strongbark (*Bourreria radula*, see drawing of leaf), state-endangered, is a shrub or tree to 4.5 m tall; bark thin, scaly, reddish-brown; leaves 2.5 - 6.6 cm long, dark green and densely rough-hairy on upper surfaces; flowers white, in few-flowered clusters, fruit small and orange.

**Related Rare Species:** None

**Habitat:** Primarily in pine rocklands.

**Best Survey Season:** All year.

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**Range-wide Distribution:** FL, West Indies.

**Conservation Status:** Smooth strongbark: about half of the 10 remaining populations are in parks and preserves. Bahama strongbark: 14 populations on managed areas. Rough strongbark: only 3 populations known, 2 in conservation areas.

**Protection and Management:** Purchase and protect remaining fragments of tropical hammock and pine rockland in south FL. Control pest plant species.

**References:** Coile 2000, Elias 1987, IRC 1999, Tomlinson 1980, Wunderlin 1998, Wunderlin and Hansen 2000a.

