

LARGELEAF GEIGERTREE

Cordia sebestena L.

Synonyms: none

Family: Cordiaceae (geiger-tree)

FNAI Ranks: G3G5/SNA

Legal Status: US-none FL-none

Wetland Status: US-FAC*+ FL-FAC



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Field Description: A small tree found in hammocks and growing as high as 20 feet, with large, roughly hairy, dull green, oval leaves clustered toward twig ends and up to 8 inches long and half as wide. Leaves have conspicuous veins and margins that are toothed toward the pointed tip. Flowers are bright orange, trumpet-shaped, and often over an inch wide at the flare. Fruit are clustered, fleshy, white, and pear-shaped, about an inch long.

Similar Species: None

Related Rare Species: None in FL.

Habitat: Edges of rockland hammocks.

Best Survey Season: Most of the year, but abundant in the summer.

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Range-wide Distribution: Native in Florida to the extreme southern peninsula and Keys. Also distributed in the Caribbean, Mexico, and Central America.

Conservation Status: Habitat loss to development and exotic plant invasion is extensive.

Protection and Management: Protect habitat of remaining wild populations from further development and alteration. Eradicate invasive species as necessary.

References: Little 1979.