

GUIANA PLUM

Drypetes lateriflora (Sw.) Krug & Urban

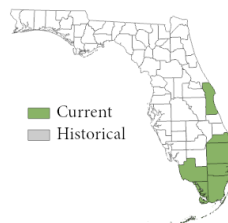
Synonyms: none

Family: Putranjivaceae (Guiana-plum)

FNAI Ranks: G4G5/S3

Legal Status: US-none FL-Threatened

Wetland Status: US-none+ FL-UPL



Field Description: Shrubs or trees up to 32 ft tall, with lanceolate to ovate **leaves** 3.2-3.9 inches long, coriaceous, acute, and abruptly pointed; **leaf** margins entire with the bases often oblique. **Flowers** in dense clusters with staminate and pistillate flowers; pistillate flowers with pubescent, 1-locular ovary. **Fruit** a subglobose drupe, ~0.4 inches long, red, and densely tomentulose at maturity.

Similar Species: None

Related Rare Species: Milkbark (*Drypetes diversifolia*) has a 5-lobed calyx, with 8-10 stamens and a white elongate fruit > 0.60 inches long.

Habitat: Coastal and rockland hammocks.

Best Survey Season: Spring.

Guiana plum

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Range-wide Distribution: South and east-central FL peninsula; West Indies; e. Mexico and Central America

Conservation Status: Occurs in at least 3 conservation areas, mainly in southeast FL.

Protection and Management: Protect existing coastal and rockland hammocks, eradicating invasive exotic plants from known locations.

References: Little 1979, Long and Lakela 1971, Weakley 2020, Wunderlin and Hansen 2011