

## POEPPIG'S ROSEMALLOW

*Hibiscus poeppigii* (Spreng.) Garcke

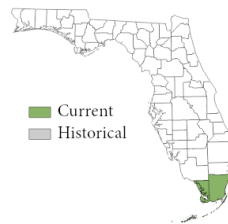
**Synonyms:** none

**Family:** Malvaceae (mallow)

**FNAI Ranks:** G5?/S2

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

**Wetland Status:** US-none+ FL-UPL



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**Field Description:** Herb or **subshrub** up to 6 ft tall with appressed stellate pubescence, often in lines. **Leaves** deltoid-ovate, irregularly crenate-dentate, ~0.8-1.9 inches long with stipules 0.15-0.23 inches long. **Flowers** solitary in the upper leaf axils; involucre bracts 0.27-0.35 inches long, linear; calyx ~0.47 inches long and bright red petals 0.78-1.02 inches long. **Fruit** > 0.4 inches long and covered with stellate pubescence.

**Similar Species:** None

**Related Rare Species:** No similar species.

**Habitat:** Rockland hammocks and coastal rock barrens.

**Best Survey Season:** Flowering and fruiting all year.

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**Range-wide Distribution:** FL (Miami-Dade and Monroe counties); West Indies; Central America (Mexico, Guatemala)

**Conservation Status:** The species occurs on seven conservation areas in south FL.

**Protection and Management:** Protect existing locations within rockland hammocks and coastal rock barrens.

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