BEACH JACQUEMONTIA

*Jacquemontia reclinata* House ex Small

**Synonyms:** none

**Family:** Convolvulaceae (morning-glory)

**FNAI Ranks:** G1/S1

**Legal Status:** US–Endangered  FL–Endangered

**Wetland Status:** US–UPL  FL–UPL

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**Field Description (photo, left, and drawing):** Vine with a woody base and non-woody, creeping or twining **stems** to 6 feet long. **Leaves** about 1 inch long, oval, entire, alternate, somewhat fleshy, with rounded or notched tips; young leaves and stems whitened by dense hairs. **Flowers** 1 inch across when open, deeply 5-lobed with a short tube, white; solitary or in clusters on 1 inch long stalks arising in the angle of leaf and stem; **sepals** small with a narrow fringe of hairs. **Fruit** a small, round capsule with persistent sepals.

**Similar and Related Rare Species (photo, right):** Pineland clustervine (*Jacquemontia curtisii*), state-threatened and federal management concern, closely resembles beach jacquemontia but lacks the fringe of hairs on the sepals and has narrower, non-fleshy leaves; it occurs in pine flatwoods in Collier, Dade, and Monroe counties. Havana clustervine (*Jacquemontia havanensis*), state-endangered, also lacks the fringe of hairs on the sepals and has non-fleshy leaves; it occurs in hammocks in Dade County and Monroe County Keys. See also skyblue clustervine (*Jacquemontia pentanthos*) and wild-potato morning-glory (*Ipomoea microdactyla*) in this guide.
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*Jacquemontia reclinata*

**Habitat:** Lee side of stable, vegetated dunes; disturbed openings in maritime hammock, coastal strand, and coastal scrub, often with sea grape, sand spurs, poisonwood, and prickly pear cactus.

**Best Survey Season:** Flowers November–May.

**Range-wide Distribution:** Endemic to SE coast of FL.

**Conservation Status:** Fewer than 500 plants at 9 sites are known. Although most are in preserves, they are threatened by exotic plant invasion.

**Protection & Management:** Protect coastal habitats from development by conservation purchase or easement. Remove exotic pest plants, especially Australian pine, carrotwood, Brazilian pepper, and turf grasses. Establish new populations of this species in protected areas.