JOEWOOD
Jacquinia keyensis Mez

Synonyms: none
Family: Theophrastaceae (theophrasta)
FNAI Ranks: G4/S3
Legal Status: US-none FL-Threatened
Wetland Status: US-FAC*+ FL-FAC

Field Description: An evergreen shrub or small tree, extremely slow-growing, generally having an erect growth habit with a thick, sturdy trunk appearing out of proportion to its canopy, reminiscent of a large bonsai. It has smooth, light gray bark and leaves crowded toward its twig ends. The leathery leaves are a rich yellow-green to dark green and narrowly paddle-shaped, 1 to 2 inches long, about ? as wide, with obscured veins, margins curled down, and tips rounded or very slightly notched. It has very fragrant white, cream, or palest yellow, funnel-shaped flowers which are clustered at the branch ends, at ¼ inch to almost ½ inch diameter with 5 petals. The fruit, a dull yellowish or reddish brown globe at maturity, contains many small light brown seeds and is held on the branches for a long time.

Similar Species: Not populated in Biotics

Related Rare Species: None in FL.

Habitat: Keys tidal rock barrens and rockland hammocks, especially on edges.

Best Survey Season: All year.
Range-wide Distribution: South Florida and the West Indies.

Conservation Status: Listed state-threatened and tracked as vulnerable, this species is vouchered from 5 counties in South Florida.

Protection and Management: Protect rockland hammocks and rock barrens from clearing, development and erosion. Eradicate invasive plant species.