GULF LICARIA
Licaria triandra (Sw.) Kosterm.
Synonyms: Laurus triandra Sw.
Misanteca triandra (Sw.) Mez
Family: Lauraceae (laurel)
FNAI Ranks: G4/S1
Legal Status: US–none FL–Endangered
Wetland Status: US–UPL FL–UPL

Field Description: Small tree with flaky bark. Leaves to 4.5 inches long, simple, alternate, evergreen, aromatic, widest near the middle with long pointed tips. Flowers tiny, lacking petals, with 3 fertile stamens with 2-celled anthers; in long-stalked clusters. Fruit a dark blue berry enclosed at the base by a red cup with 2 rims.

Similar Species: Lancewood (Ocotea coriacea, synonym: Nectandra coriacea) has reddish-brown, warty bark; flowers with 9 stamens; and fruits in a shallow, woody, single-rimmed cup.

Related Rare Species: None in south FL.
Gulf licaria  
*Licaria triandra*

**Habitat:** Rockland hammocks.

**Best Survey Season:** Flowers in June, fruits are distinctive all year.

**Range-wide Distribution:** FL and West Indies.

**Conservation Status:** Most populations were destroyed by development; now found in only one park in Dade County.

**Protection & Management:** Purchase and protect remaining fragments of rockland hammock. Control exotic pest plants.