

GULF LICARIA

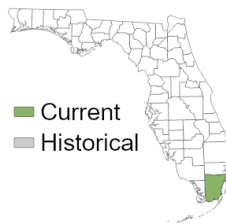
Licaria triandra (Sw.) Kosterm.

Synonyms: *Misanteca triandra* (Sw.) Mez;
Laurus triandra Sw.; *Acroclidium triandrum*
(Sw.) Lundell

Family: Lauraceae (laurel)

FNAI Ranks: G4/S1

Legal Status: US-none; FL-Endangered



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Field Description: Small **tree** with flaky bark. **Leaves** to 11.4 cm 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.

Habitat: Rockland hammocks.

Best Survey Season: Spring; June, fruits are distinctive all year.

Range-wide Distribution: FL and West Indies.

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Licaria triandra

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

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

References: Coile 2000, Elias 1987, IRC 1999, Nelson 1996, Tomlinson 1980, Wunderlin 1998, Wunderlin and Hansen 2000a.

