

Bischofia javanica

bishopwood



Appearance: Evergreen tree commonly 12-18 m (35-60 ft) in height, with dense, rounded head, smooth branches, and milky sap.

Leaves: Alternate, long-petioled, trifoliolate (3 leaflets); leaflets shiny, bronze-toned, oval-elliptic, 15-20 cm (6-8 in) long, with margins small toothed.

Flowers: Tiny, without petals, greenish-yellow, in many flowered clusters (racemes) at leaf axils; male and female flowers on separate plants (dioecious).

Fruit: Pea-sized, berry-like, fleshy, to 9 mm (0.33 in) in diameter, brown or reddish or blue-black, 3-celled.

Ecological threat:

Common in old fields and disturbed wetland sites; invading intact cypress domes and tropical hardwood hammocks, where it displaces native vegetation and alters the structure of the plant community. FLEPPC Category I



Distribution: C, SW, SE

Field Notations

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