

## *Eugenia uniflora*

Surinam cherry



**Appearance:** Evergreen, multibranched shrub or small tree to 10 m (30 ft) tall, usually shrub size in Florida; young stems often with red hairs and dark red new foliage.

**Leaves:** Opposite, simple, short petioled, oval to lance shaped, 2.5-8 cm (1-3 in) long, shiny dark green above, paler below; margins entire.

**Flowers:** White, fragrant, about 13 mm (0.5 in) across, with many stamens; occurring solitary or in clusters of 2 or 3 at leaf axils.

**Fruit:** A fleshy, juicy, orange-red berry to 4 cm (1.5 in) wide, depressed-globose, conspicuously 8-ribbed, with 1-3 seeds.

### **Ecological threat:**

Invading hammocks in south-central and south Florida including national wildlife refuges and rare scrub habitat. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** C, SW, SE

### **Field Notations**

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