

## *Psidium guajava*

guava



**Appearance:** Evergreen shrub or small tree to 9 m (30 ft) tall, with scaly greenish-brown bark and young branches 4-angled, pubescent.

**Leaves:** Opposite, simple, short-stalked, entire, oval to oblong-elliptic, to 15 cm (6 in) long, pubescent below, with veins impressed above and conspicuously raised below.

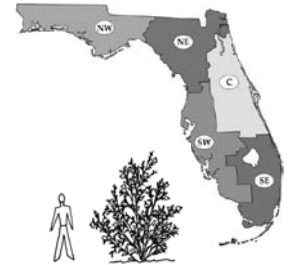
**Flowers:** White, fragrant, to 4 cm (1.6 in) wide, borne singly or a few together at leaf axils; many stamens.

**Fruit:** An oval or pear-shaped berry, 3-10 cm (1-4 in) long, yellow at maturity, with yellow or dark pink flesh somewhat dull in taste; seeds numerous.

### **Ecological threat:**

Forms thickets and has a serious impact in native forests and open woodlands. Along with the strawberry guava and the Surinam cherry, also serves as a major host for the naturalized Caribbean fruit fly, which occasionally spreads to commercial citrus crops. FLEPPC Category I

**Distribution:** C, SW, SE



### **Field Notations**

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