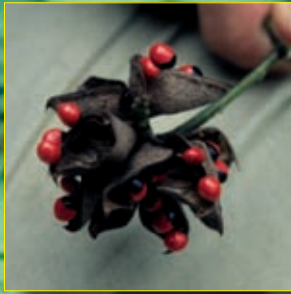


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**Appearance:** High-climbing, twining, or trailing woody vine with slender herbaceous branches.

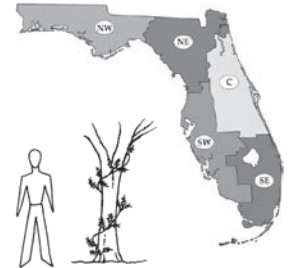
**Leaves:** Alternate, petioled, 5-13 cm (2-5 in) long, even-pinnately compound with 5-15 pairs of leaflets, these oval to oblong, to 1.8 cm (< 1 in) long, with margins entire.

**Flowers:** Shaped like pea flowers, white to pink or reddish, small, in shortstalked dense clusters at leaf axils.

**Fruit:** A short, oblong pod, splitting before falling to reveal 3-8 shiny hard seeds, 6-7 mm (< 1 in) long, scarlet with black bases.

## **Ecological threat:**

Has invaded undisturbed pinelands and hammocks, including the globally imperiled pine rocklands of Dade County. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** C, SW, SE

## **Field Notations**

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