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**Appearance:** Small, thicket-forming shrub or small deciduous tree from stolons, sap milky to about 15 m (45 ft) tall; stems hairy.

**Leaves:** Alternate, opposite, or whorled on the same plant, simple, hairy, 6–20 cm (2.5–8 in) long, 5–15 cm (1.5–6 in) wide; toothed and sometimes lobed margins; upper surfaces of mature blades rough to the touch; petioles 4–15 cm (1.5–6 in) long.

**Flowers:** Female flowers form in round, hanging clusters; male flowers appear in spring and form in drooping, elongated clusters.

**Fruit:** Orange to red; aggregated into globular clusters, diameter 2–3 cm (0.8–1 in).

**Ecological threat:**  
FLEPPC Category II—Invasive exotics that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species.

**Distribution:** NW, NE, C, SW



**Field Notations**

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