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Appearance: Evergreen tree to 12 m (40 ft) tall, with single or multistemmed trunks and greenish bark.

Leaves: Alternate with petioles to 61 cm (2 ft) long; palmately compound with mostly 7-16 leaflets, these shiny, light green, oblanceolate, to 30 cm (12 in) long, with margins entire (or sparsely toothed when young).

Flowers: 25 mm (1 in) across, borne in dense clusters that form a large, red, showy inflorescence at stem tips above foliage.

Fruit: A purplish black, round, fleshy drupe to 7 mm (1/4 in) in diameter.

Ecological threat:

Invading endangered remnants of scrub habitat, where it is shading out listed rare plants such as the Florida-threatened scrub pinweed. Extremely invasive in undisturbed tropical hardwood hammocks of Dade County. FLEPPC Category I



Distribution: C, SW, SE

Field Notations

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