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Appearance: Evergreen tree to 25 m (80 ft) tall, with young stems grayish white and lower bark coarse and discolored.

Leaves: Opposite, simple, entire, elliptic to broadly oblong, smooth, glossy, somewhat leathery, 5-10 cm (2-5 in) long, short pointed at tips; petioles to 3 cm (1.2 in) long. Leaf midrib prominent, yellowish; blades with many lateral veins closely parallel.

Flowers: White to pinkish, about 1 cm (0.5 in) across, in branched clusters at stem tips; calyx cuplike; 4 petals, fused into a cap; many stamens.

Fruit: An ovoid, 1-seeded berry to 2 cm (0.8 in) long, dark purplish red, shiny, with white to lavender flesh.

Ecological threat:

Forms dense canopies that shade out young native trees in wet pinelands, hammocks, and well drained uplands. FLEPPC Category I

Distribution: C, SW, SE



Field Notations

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