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Appearance: Herbaceous or shrubby perennial, 1-3 m (3.3–10 ft) tall; entire plant covered with star-shaped hairs.

Leaves: Alternate, petioles to 3 cm (1 in) long, blades broadly ovate to suborbicular-quadrate, to 10 cm (4 in) long, apex usually shallowly lobed or angled, margin toothed, densely stellate-hairy on the lower surface, less hairy on the upper surface.

Flowers: Solitary or in fascicles from axils; petals pink, to 1.5 cm (0.6 in) long.

Fruit: A 5-lobed capsule, 5-6 mm (0.2–0.25 in) long, stellate-hairy, covered with numerous, stiff barbed spines.

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, SE

Field Notations

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