**Ardisia crenata**

coral ardisia

**Appearance:** Evergreen subshrub to 1.8 m (6 ft) tall growing in multi-stemmed clumps.

**Leaves:** Alternate, to 21 cm (8.3 in) long, dark green above, waxy, glabrous, with crenate (scalloped) margins and calluses in the margin notches.

**Flowers:** White to pink in stalked axillary clusters, usually drooping below the foliage. Flowers small, bisexual, with petaloid parts pinkish white and anthers yellow.

**Fruit:** Bright red, spherical (globose), 1-seeded drupe, to 8 mm (0.33 in) in diameter.

**Ecological threat:**
May reach densities of greater than 100 plants per m². Native plant species richness substantially lower in its presence, regardless of its density or the site history. Shades out native seedlings and displaces small native ground cover.

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

**Field Notations**

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