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**Appearance:** Evergreen shrub or small tree to 8 m (25 ft) tall, with gray to reddish-brown peeling bark and young branches round, pubescent.

**Leaves:** Opposite, simple, entire, glabrous, elliptic to oblong, to 8 cm (3 in) long.

**Flowers:** To 2.5 cm (1.2 in) wide; borne singly at leaf axils, with white petals and a mass of white and yellow stamens.

**Fruit:** A globose berry, 3–6 cm (1.2–2.4 in) long, purple-red, with whitish flesh usually sweet-tasting when ripe; seeds numerous.

**Ecological threat:**

Forms thickets and shades out native vegetation in forests and open woodlands. Also serves as a major host for the naturalized Caribbean fruit fly, which occasionally spreads to commercial citrus crops. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** C, SW, SE

**Field Notations**

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