

Module 1 ~ Silent Invaders (UE/MS)
Magnify It! Answer Key (coral ardisia)



STEMS & ROOTS: Use magnifier and *Illustrated Plant Structures - Stems and Roots* to complete the card.

Common name: coral ardisia

Scientific name: Ardisia crenata

Type of stem: _____ Diameter of stem: _____

crown (short)
 simple (no branches)
 branched (has branches or sidegrowths)
 climbing (needs support; a vine)
 creeping (rests on ground; roots at nodes)
 rhizome (roots below ground)
 stolon (along surface; roots at node)

Are there nodes on the stem? If yes, then describe:

Are there buds? _____ Describe: _____

Find midrib on the blade (leaf). Is it in the center? Yes

Does the leaf have a sheath? _____ Yes No

Circle type of root: tuber bulb bulblet bulbil corm

Other/describe: tuberously thickened roots

To check answers refer to individual plant information cards:
Invasive and Non-Native Plants You Should Know--Recognition Cards (or Flash Cards) ~ plants.ifas.ufl.edu/education

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LEAVES: Use magnifier and *Illustrated Glossary of Leaf Shapes* to complete the card.

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Circle one: native **non-native** **invasive**

leaf (blade) shape: elliptic

leaf tip: acute

leaf margin: crenate (blunt-toothed), wavy

leaf base: acute, tapered

leaf attachment: stalked

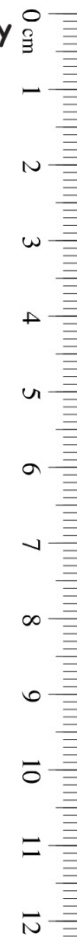
leaf arrangement: alternate

plant habit: small woody shrub

Field Notes: Blades leathery, very shiny green on upper surface, pale underneath, with a scalloped margin.

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