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Appearance: High-climbing, twining, or trailing woody vine with slender herbaceous branches.

Leaves: Alternate, petioled, 5–13 cm (2–5 in) long, even-pinnately compound with 5–15 pairs of leaflets, these oval to oblong, to 1.8 cm (< 1 in) long, with margins entire.

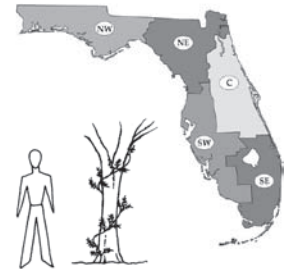
Flowers: Shaped like pea flowers, white to pink or reddish; small, in shortstalked dense clusters at leaf axils.

Fruit: A short, oblong pod, splitting before falling to reveal 3–8 shiny hard seeds, 6–7 mm (< 1 in) long, scarlet with black bases.

Ecological threat:

Has invaded undisturbed pinelands and hammocks, including the globally imperiled pine rocklands of Dade County. FLEPPC Category I

Distribution: C, SW, SE



Field Notations

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