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Appearance: Evergreen tree up to 20 m (65 ft). Twigs green or reddish green; all vegetative parts glabrous; cut stems and bruised leaves giving off a strong aroma of camphor.

Leaves: Simple, alternate; blades entire but may have wavy margins, mostly ovate, 4-10 cm (1.5-4 in) long and 2-5 cm (0.8-2 in) wide; glossy green above, duller green below, with impressed glands below at major veins.

Flowers: Small, greenish-white to cream, in loose panicles on branchlets of season; 6 petaloid parts; 12 stamen parts, usually 5-9 fertile stamens plus smaller sterile staminodes.

Fruit: Small, subglobose drupes; black, seated on persistent floral tubes.

Ecological threat:

Primarily in drier disturbed areas such as roadsides and fencerows, but has invaded natural areas such as mesic hammocks, upland pine woods, and scrubland. FLEPPC Category I

Distribution: NW, NE, C, SW, SE



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