

## GULF LICARIA

*Licaria triandra* (Sw.) Kosterm.

**Synonyms:** *Misanteca triandra* (Sw.) Mez;

*Laurus triandra* Sw.

**Family:** Lauraceae (laurel)

**FNAI Ranks:** G4/S1

**Legal Status:** US-none FL-Endangered

**Wetland Status:** US-none+ FL-UPL



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**Field Description:** Small **tree** with flaky bark. **Leaves** to 4.5 inches long, simple, alternate, evergreen, aromatic, widest near the middle with long pointed tips. **Flowers** tiny, lacking petals, with 3 fertile stamens with 2-celled anthers; in long-stalked clusters. **Fruit** a dark blue berry enclosed at the base by a red cup with 2 rims.

**Similar Species:** Lancewood (*Ocotea coriacea*, synonym: *Nectandra coriacea*) has reddish-brown, warty bark; flowers with 9 stamens; and fruits in a shallow, woody, single-rimmed cup.

**Related Rare Species:** None in south FL.

**Habitat:** Rockland hammocks.

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**Best Survey Season:** Spring; June, fruits are distinctive all year.

**Range-wide Distribution:** FL and West Indies.

**Conservation Status:** Most populations were destroyed by development; now found in only one park in Dade County.

**Protection and Management:** Purchase and protect remaining fragments of rockland hammock. Control exotic pest plants.

**References:** Coile 2000, Elias 1987, IRC 1999, Nelson 1996, Tomlinson 1980, Wunderlin 1998, Wunderlin and Hansen 2000a.