

## DARLING PLUM

*Reynosa septentrionalis* Urban

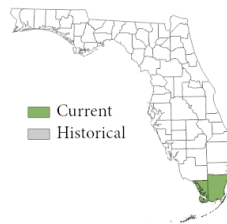
**Synonyms:** none

**Family:** Rhamnaceae (buckthorn)

**FNAI Ranks:** G3G4/S3?

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

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



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**Field Description:** A large shrub to small tree with reddish bark usually growing 10 to 15 feet high. Leaves are 1 to 1½ inches long, leathery, with entire margins rolled inward and a distinctive emarginate tip. Flowers are small with 5 pointed, yellowish-green sepals, and are borne in small clusters. Fruits are black drupes.

**Similar Species:** None

**Related Rare Species:** None.

**Habitat:** Hammocks and mangrove margins.

**Best Survey Season:** Spring-summer.

**Range-wide Distribution:** South Florida and the West Indies.

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**Conservation Status:** Restricted to the Florida Keys, but ranging through the West Indies, Cuba and Bahamas. Found in common dry habitats although global abundance not known.

**Protection and Management:** Protect remaining hammocks and mangrove margins in the Keys. Control exotic pest plants.

**References:** Wunderlin and Hansen 2011, Little 1979.