

CURACAO BUSH

Varronia globosa Jacq.

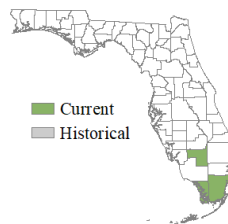
Synonyms: *Cordia globosa* (Jacq.) Kunth

Family: Boraginaceae (borage)

FNAI Ranks: G4G5/SNR

Legal Status: US-none FL-Endangered

Wetland Status: US-none+ FL-UPL



Field Description: A densely branched, woody shrub to 10 feet tall with dark brown branches found mostly in hammocks or on their edges where they have sunlight. The alternate, roughly fuzzy, gray-green, lanceolate to elliptical leaves, $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches long and approximately half as wide, have coarsely toothed margins and deep veins. Its white, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, cup-like flowers are in rounded, terminal clusters. Red, juicy, rounded fruit are about $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch wide.

Similar Species: Not populated in Biotics

Related Rare Species: None.

Habitat: Upper Keys tidal rock barrens, rockland hammock edges and open ruderal habitats.

Best Survey Season: All year.

Range-wide Distribution: Native to South Florida, the West Indies, Mexico, and Central and South America.

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Conservation Status: Listed state-endangered, this species is vouchered from 4 counties in South Florida.

Protection and Management: Not populated in Biotics

References: Wunderlin and Hansen 2011