

## JOEWOOD

*Jacquinia keyensis* Mez

**Synonyms:** none

**Family:** Primulaceae (primrose)

**FNAI Ranks:** G4/S3

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

**Wetland Status:** US-FAC\*+ FL-FAC



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**Field Description:** An evergreen shrub or small tree, extremely slow-growing, generally having an erect growth habit with a thick, sturdy trunk appearing out of proportion to its canopy, reminiscent of a large bonsai. It has smooth, light gray bark and leaves crowded toward its twig ends. The leathery leaves are a rich yellow-green to dark green and narrowly paddle-shaped, 1 to 2 inches long, about 1/4 inch as wide, with obscured veins, margins curled down, and tips rounded or very slightly notched. It has very fragrant white, cream, or palest yellow, funnel-shaped flowers which are clustered at the branch ends, at 1/4 inch to almost 1/2 inch diameter with 5 petals. The fruit, a dull yellowish or reddish brown globe at maturity, contains many small light brown seeds and is held on the branches for a long time.

**Similar Species:** None

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

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**Habitat:** Keys tidal rock barrens and rockland hammocks, especially on edges.

**Best Survey Season:** All year.

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

**Conservation Status:** Listed state-threatened and tracked as vulnerable, this species is vouchered from 5 counties in South Florida.

**Protection and Management:** Protect rockland hammocks and rock barrens from clearing, development and erosion. Eradicate invasive plant species.

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