

Begonia cucullata

WAX BEGONIA

Begoniaceae

Common Synonyms:

FLEPPC Category: 2

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

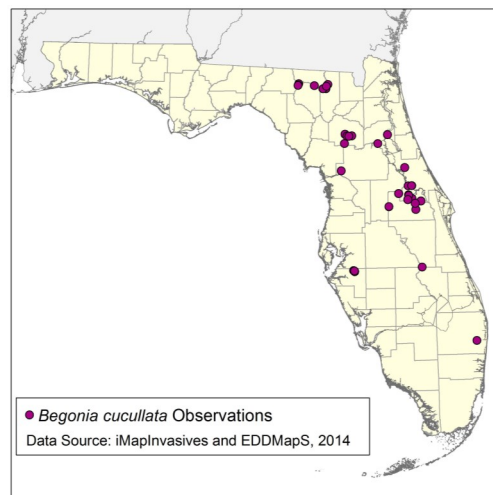
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: not available

Growth Habit: Perennial herb

Origin: Brazil and Argentina



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Description: Succulent, glabrous, perennial herb with reddish-green jointed stems to 50 cm tall. Roots from the nodes. Leaves alternate, stalked, simple, waxy to 7 cm long and wide, ovate, margins with minute teeth. Flowers showy to 2 cm, in stalked clusters, tepals variable colors. Fruit a 3-winged capsule with one larger wing to 1 cm.

Habitat: hammocks, upland hardwood forest

Comments: Prolific seed producer.

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1910.

Control Methods:

Mechanical: Hand pull seedlings (IFAS, CAIP and FWC)

Chemical: Foliar (1% glyphosate, IFAS, CAIP and FWC)

Useful Resources:

IFAS, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants and FWC. 2014. Florida Invasive Plant Education Initiative in the Parks: *Begonia cucullata*. <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/parks/begonia.html>. Accessed on June 26, 2014.

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