

# *Coccinia grandis*

## IVY GOURD

### Curcurbitaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** -

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

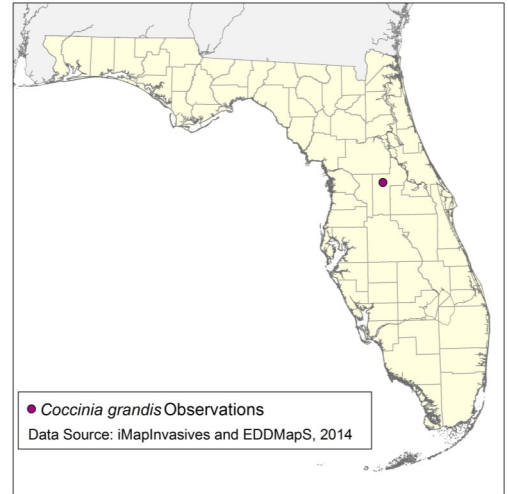
**IFAS Assessment**

North -  
Central -  
South -

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 9b-11

**Growth Habit:** Vine

**Origin:** Africa and Asia



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**Description:** Perennial herbaceous vine to 2.7 m long. Stems annually produced from a tuber, glabrous with simple tendrils. Leaves alternate and simple, ovate, 5-lobed 5-9 cm, glabrous. Flowers white, 5-petaled, 3-4.5 cm long. Fruit a smooth, red berry, 2.5-6 cm long.

**Habitat:** hammocks

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1908.

#### **Control Methods:**

Chemical: Knock back foliage of infestation with Trichlopyr or dicamba and follow up with basal bark treatment on re-growth with Trichlopyr ester (ISSG).

#### **Useful Resources:**

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