

Crotalaria spectabilis

SHOWY RATTLEBOX

Fabaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

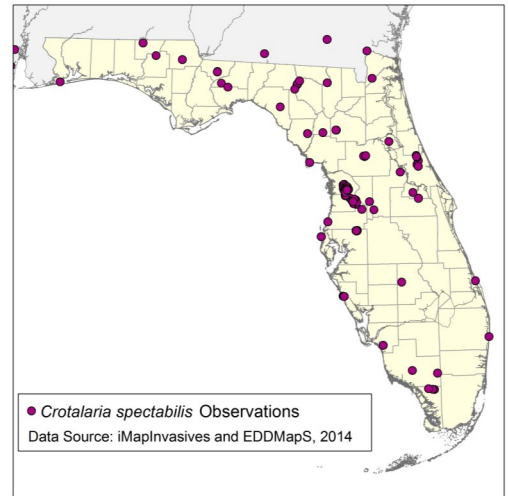
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9a-11

Growth Habit: Annual herb

Origin: Indomalaysia



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Description: Annual herb from to 1.5 m tall. Stems are green or purple and can be ribbed. Leaves alternate, simple, 5-15 cm long, broadest near the end, glabrous above, pubescent below. Flowers are showy, yellow, 2.5 cm across. Seed pods are cylindrical and inflated, 5 cm long.

Habitat: mostly disturbed areas

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1928.

Control Methods:

Chemical: Foliar (Trichlopyr ester and Trichlopyr ester mixed with Fluroxypyr, 3 qts/acre, IFAS) or foliar (Glyphosate, Geosystems Research Institute).

Useful Resources:

Dave's Garden. 2014. PlantFiles: Rattlebox, *Crotalaria spectabilis*. <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/2337/>. Accessed on June 20, 2014.

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