

Ixora coccinea

SCARLET JUNGLEFLAME

Rubiaceae

Common Synonyms: *Ixora montana*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

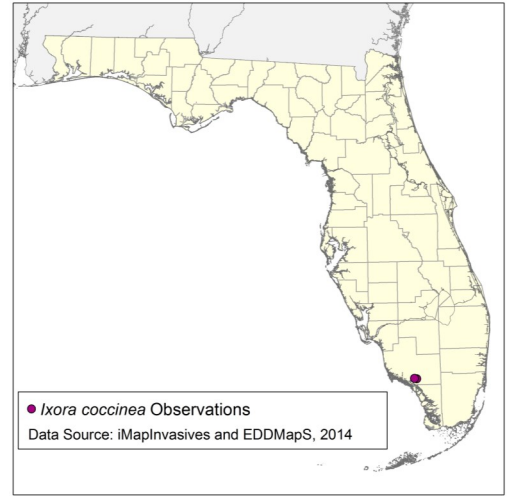
IFAS Assessment

North -
Central -
South -

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9a-10b

Growth Habit: Evergreen shrub

Origin: Tropical southeast Asia, including southern India and Sri Lanka



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Description: A dense, multi-branched evergreen shrub, commonly 1.2-2 m in height, but capable of reaching up to 3.6 m high. *Ixora* has a rounded form, with a spread that may exceed its height. The glossy, leathery, oblong leaves are about 10 cm long, with entire margins, and are opposite or whorled on the stems. Small tubular, scarlet flowers in dense rounded clusters 5-13 cm across are produced almost all year long. There are numerous named cultivars differing in flower color (yellow, pink, orange) and plant size. Several popular cultivars are dwarfs, usually staying under 3 ft in height.

Habitat: high humidity and a moist, friable, well drained soil that is high in organics.

Comments: IFAS comments relative to *Ixora coccinea* - "not known to be invasive".

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest FL specimen from 1986, but likely introduced much earlier.

Control Methods:

No specific recommendations available; woody species can generally be treated with basal bark or cut-stump application of herbicides.

Useful Resources:

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