

# *Paederia foetida*

## SKUNKVINE

### Rubiaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 1

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** Yes

**IFAS Assessment**

North PROHIBITED

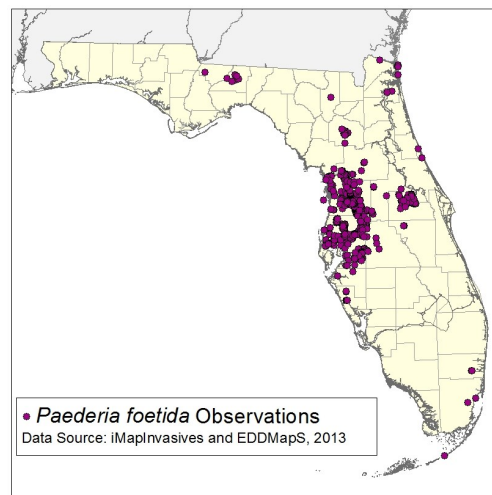
Central PROHIBITED

South PROHIBITED

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 9-11

**Growth Habit:** Vine

**Origin:** Eastern and southern Asia



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**Description:** Semi-woody vine, climbing by twining, or prostrate and rooting at the nodes, stems to 7 m or more long. Leaves opposite (rarely in whorls of 3), stipules conspicuous, petioles to 6 cm long, blades entire, oval to linear-lanceolate, 2-11 cm long, hairy or glabrous, often lobed at the base. Leaves and stems with fetid odor, especially when crushed. Flowers small, pedunculate, corolla tubular with 5 spreading lobes grayish pink or pale lilac with darker throat, outer surface pubescent. Fruit shiny, yellowish-orange, subglobose, to 7mm wide capsule. Seeds 2, black, round, not winged.

**Note:** Similar in appearance to *Paederia cruddasiana*.

**Habitat:** Sandhill, floodplain, upland mixed forest.

**Comments:** Recently spreading into parts of North Florida.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Before 1897.

#### **Control Methods:**

Chemical: Foliar (3%-5% glyphosate), basal bark (10% triclopyr ester). Within 2-4 weeks re-treat the area with basal applications of 10% triclopyr ester. This second treatment can be time-consuming because many underground runners sprout. The area should continue to be monitored (IFAS).

#### **Useful Resources:**

Langeland, K.A., H.M. Cherry, C.M. McCormick, K.C. Burks. 2008. Identification and Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas-Second Edition. IFAS Publication SP 257. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

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