

# *Dalechampia scandens*

## SPURGE CREEPER

### *Euphorbiaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** -

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

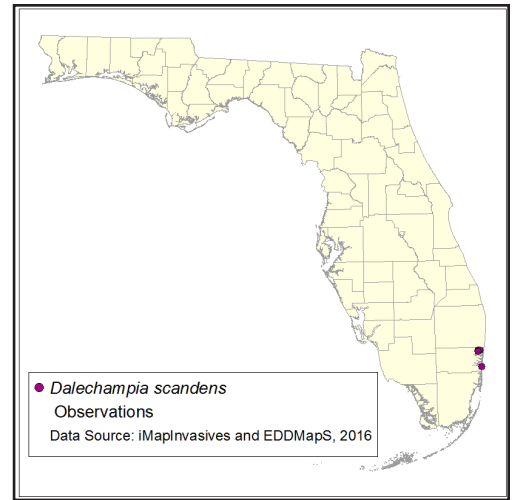
**IFAS Assessment**

North -  
Central -  
South -

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** N/A

**Growth Habit:** Vine

**Origin:** Central and South America, West Indies, Cape Verde Islands, Africa, Arabian Peninsula



Indiana Coronado, TROPICOS

**Description:** Slender, twisted vine. Stems to 5 m long, hirsute. Stalked 3-lobed, leaves, hirsute, 6-12 cm long. Stalked inflorescences with showy white to green bracts which have white stinging hairs.

**Habitat:** Disturbed forests, cypress forests

**Comments:** Native to PR and VI, vouchered from Hillsborough and Broward Co.

**Florida Introduction Date:** specimen vouchered in 2000

**Control Methods:**

No specific recommendations available.

**Useful Resources:**

Pemberton, R.W. and H. Liu. 2008. Naturalization of *Dalechampia scandens* in southern Florida. *Caribbean Journal of Science* 44(3): 417-419.

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