

# *Ruellia blechum*

## BROWNE'S BLECHUM

### *Acanthaceae*

Common Synonyms: *Blechum pyramidatum*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

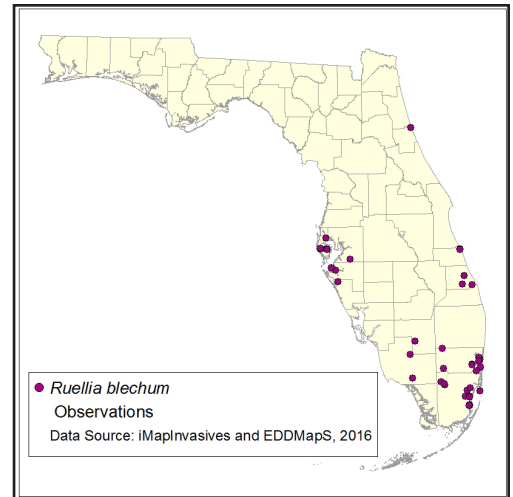
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 8a - 11

**Growth Habit:** Herb

**Origin:** Mexico and northern South America



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**Description:** Trailing annual or perennial herb less than 50 cm tall with erect flower shoots. Opposite, ovate, stalked leaves 2-7 cm long. Flowers white or purple, to 1 cm long and arranged in dense spikes that appear squarish because of floral bracts to 1.5 cm long. Fruit an ellipsoid capsule 6-7 mm long with 2 brown circular seeds.

**Habitat:** Disturbed sites

**Comments:** Vouchered in most counties north through central zone.

**Florida Introduction Date:** specimen vouchered in 1942

**Control Methods:**

No specific recommendations available, herbaceous plants can generally be treated with foliar application of glyphosate.

**Useful Resources:**

Csurhes, S. 2010. Weed risk assessment: Green shrimp plant, *Blechum pyramidatum*. The State of Queensland, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Queensland.

Dave's Garden. 2013. PlantFiles: Browne's Blechum, Green Shrimp Plant, *Blechum pyramidatum* <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/go/62845/>. Accessed on December 2, 2013.