

# *Solanum diphyllum*

## TWOLEAF NIGHTSHADE

### *Solanaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

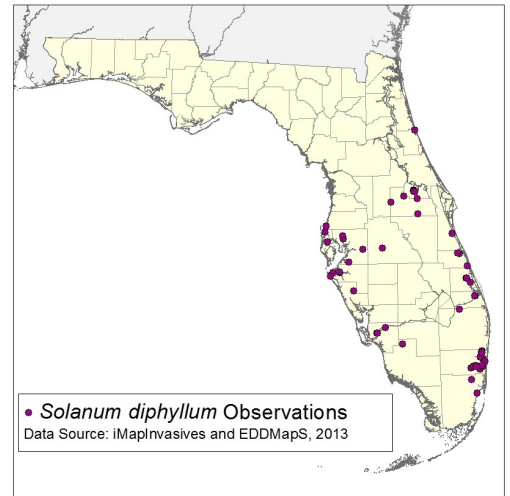
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 9a-11

**Growth Habit:** Shrub

**Origin:** Mexico, Central America



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**Description:** Shrub upright, up to 2 m tall. Branches smooth, dark maroon brown turning white with age. Leaves paired, larger major leaf widest at the center, 4.7-6.8 cm long and 2.2 cm wide, minor leaf up to 1.5 cm long and 1.4 cm wide. Flowers in upper leaf axils, white turning whitish-lavender, 1 cm wide. Fruit a globose berry, to 1.2 cm in diameter, yellow to orange and fleshy when ripe.

**Habitat:** Floodplain forest, maritime hammock, rockland hammock.

**Comments:** Widespread in central and south but not in north.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1966.

**Control Methods:**

No specific treatments available.

**Useful Resources:**

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