

Begonia cucullata

WAX BEGONIA

Begoniaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: 2

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

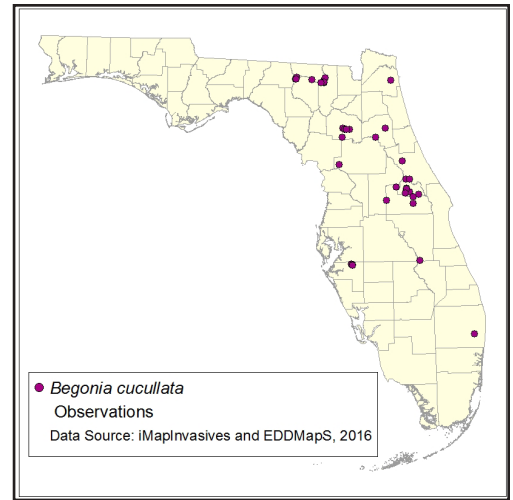
IFAS Assessment

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: N/A

Growth Habit: Perennial herb

Origin: Brazil and Argentina



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Description: Succulent, glabrous, perennial herb with reddish-green jointed stems to 50 cm tall. Roots from the nodes. Leaves alternate, stalked, simple, waxy to 7 cm long and wide, ovate, margins with minute teeth. Flowers showy to 2 cm, in stalked clusters, tepals variable colors. Fruit a 3-winged capsule with one larger wing to 1 cm.

Habitat: hammocks, upland hardwood forest

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1910.

Control Methods: Mechanical: Hand pull seedlings (IFAS, CAIP and FWC).

Chemical: Foliar (1% glyphosate). [IFAS, CAIP, FWC].

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.

Comments: Prolific seed producer.