

Ruellia blechum

BROWNE'S BLECHUM

Acanthaceae

Common Synonyms: *Blechum pyramidatum*

FLEPPC Category: 2

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

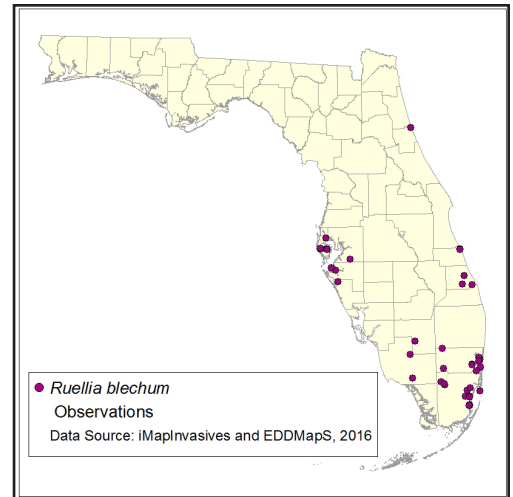
IFAS Assessment

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

Florida Introduction Date: specimen vouchered in 1942

Control Methods: .

Useful Resources:

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.

Comments: Vouchered in most counties north through central zone.