

# *Urena lobata*

## CAESAR'S WEED

Malvaceae

Common Synonyms: *Urena trilobata*

**FLEPPC Category:** 1

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

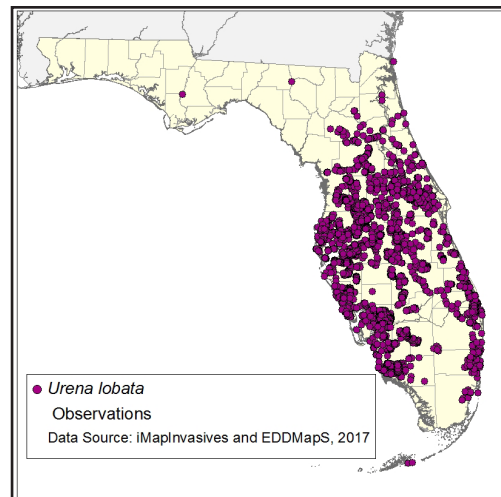
**IFAS Assessment**

North	INVASIVE
Central	INVASIVE
South	INVASIVE

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

**Growth Habit:** Subshrub

**Origin:** Tropical Asia and India



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**Description:** Large annual growing to about 3~m high. Leaves are 4 to 8~cm long, with shallow palmate lobes, and pubescent. The flowers are pink, grow in clusters, and have a tube of united stamens. Fruits are covered in hooked bristles and break into five segments at maturity, easily attaching to animals and clothing.

**Habitat:** Widespread in peninsular Florida. Readily invades hammocks, disturbed sites, or infrequently burned natural areas.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen available vouchered in 1877

**Control Methods:** .

Chemical: Imazapyr 0.5-1% with 6 to 9 month retreatment is most effective. Glyphosate (3-5%), Triclopyr (2-3%), Imazapic (0.5-1.0%) are also effective (IFAS)..

**Useful Resources:**

IFAS. 2017. Caesar's Weed, *Urena lobata*. <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/urena-lobata/>. Accessed June 13, 2017.

Wunderlin, Richard P., and Bruce F. Hansen. Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida. 3rd ed. Gainesville, FL: U of Florida, 2011.

**Comments:** Cattle aid the spread of this species by carrying the seeds and disturbing the soil.