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## Chapter 1 : Texas Plants And Animals (State Studies: Texas)

*Florida Plants and Animals (State Studies: Florida (2nd Edition))* by Bob Knotts. Heinemann-Raintree, *Florida Plants and Animals (State Studies)*.

Manrique, University of Florida J. Cuda, University of Florida W. Overholt, University of Florida Invasive plants in Florida The growth in global trade has resulted in unprecedented movement of plants and animals outside of their native ranges di Castri ; Pimental The majority of introductions of alien species have little impact on native ecosystems, but a few species become established in natural areas and threaten native biodiversity, alter ecological processes, and often have severe economic consequences Mack et al. Invasive plants are estimated to cost the U. Department of Interior Congress ; Simberloff , with non-native species growing outside of cultivation Wunderlin and Hansen , and infesting an estimated 1. Finally, huge numbers of exotic plants are continually being brought into Florida, the vast majority of which are intentionally introduced through the ornamental plant trade Reichard and White Thus, opportunities for invasion into Florida may simply be elevated due to constant, high propagule pressure Simberloff Brazilian peppertree *Schinus terebinthifolia* Raddi Anacardiaceae , commonly referred to as Brazilian peppertree, is a plant of South America origin characterized by having shiny alternate compound leaves and multi-stemmed branches that often form an impenetrable tangle Cuda et al. This species is native to Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay Barkley ; Records indicate that Brazilian peppertree was imported into Miami in and Morton , and later into Punta Gorda by Dr. George Stone around Nehrling Recent molecular studies support the historical record. Two genetic types of Brazilian peppertree have been identified in Florida referred to as A and B , and since their arrival, they have extensively hybridized Williams et al. The western A haplotype was introduced into Punta Gorda from southeastern Brazil, and the eastern B haplotype was introduced into Miami from northern Brazil near Salvador, Bahia Williams et al. According to Geiger et al. There was a long lag period, perhaps years, between the time that Brazilian peppertree was first introduced into Florida, and the time it was recognized as invading natural ecosystems Morton Lag times may be caused by slow population growth during initial stages of introduction followed by an exponential growth phase, or be a reflection of the time required for the selection of genotypes adapted to novel environments encountered in an introduced range Mack et al. Ecological niche modeling suggests that one trait which may have evolved since the introduction of Brazilian peppertree, is cold tolerance. Impacts in Florida Brazilian peppertree is considered to be one of the most serious invasive plants in Florida Schmitz et al. Several attributes may contribute to its invasiveness, including a large number of fruits produced per female plant, an effective mechanism of dispersal by birds Panetta and McKee , tolerance to shade Ewel , fire Doren et al. The invasion and displacement of native species by Brazilian peppertree poses a serious threat to biodiversity in many ecosystems in Florida Morton ; Cuda et al. Several studies have shown that Brazilian peppertree contributes to other invasive species problems, a phenomenon referred to as "invasional meltdown" Simberloff and Van Holle For instance, Clouse showed that leaf-litter under Brazilian peppertree plants growing in the previously farmed land known as Hole-in-the-Donut area of the Florida Everglades serves as a safe refuge for some exotic ants that would otherwise not have gained such a strong foothold in this native habitat. Brazilian peppertree has also been reported as an alternate host and reservoir for the exotic root weevil *Diaprepes abbreviatus* , a serious pest of citrus in Florida and California McCoy et al. Furthermore, Brazilian peppertree is contributing to and benefiting from the establishment of the black spiny-tailed iguana *Ctenosaura similis* Gray in southwest Florida Jackson and Jackson In addition to the ecological impacts, Brazilian peppertree presents a health risk to humans. Like most other members of the Anacardiaceae family, Brazilian peppertree contains active alkenyl phenols e. Moreover, individuals may experience respiratory problems such as chest pains, acute headaches, eye irritation, and flu-like symptoms when in close proximity to the plants. Direct contact with the plant sap may result in a rash followed by intense itching. Ingesting the bark, leaves, and fruits can be toxic to

humans, mammals, and birds Morton Thus, the continuous increase of Brazilian peppertree infestations coupled with its allergenic properties could negatively affect the multi-billion dollar tourist industry in Florida Smith and Brown Management Mechanical methods, such as cutting, burning and flooding, and herbicide application are commonly used in combination for controlling Brazilian peppertree in Florida Gioeli and Langeland ; Langeland For example, cut-stump treatments or basal bark applications of triclopyr can effectively control Brazilian peppertree Langeland and Stocker However, these methods are unsuitable for some natural areas e. Both chemical and mechanical control measures have been used with some success, but maintenance programs are required to prevent regrowth Koepp In addition, these methods are labor intensive and costly, particularly for large infestations. A pilot restoration project to remove Brazilian peppertree provides an illustration of this concept. Surveys in Florida in the s identified several generalist insect herbivores, but damage to Brazilian peppertree was minimal Cassani ; Cassani et al. In contrast, surveys conducted in South America have revealed a high diversity of specialized natural enemies Bennett et al. However, none have yet been released. Research on a defoliating sawfly that was shown to be highly host specific to Brazilian peppertree Medal et al. Other candidate agents performed poorly on Florida Brazilian peppertree Manrique et al. Despite the lack of success in biological control of Brazilian peppertree, the future appears promising. Research on two candidate agents, a defoliating tortricid moth, *Episimus unguiculus* Clarke Martin et al. Additionally, recent exploration in Brazil has identified promising new natural enemies, including a thrips, *Pseudophilothrips ichini* Hood, and a group of gall forming psyllids in the genus *Calophya* Burckhardt et al. The thrips feed gregariously on growing shoot tips and flowers, preventing new growth and causing flower abortion Cuda et al. Psyllids in the genus *Calophya* are highly host-specific Burckhardt and Basset , and form pit-galls in plant foliage causing growth abnormalities and eventual leaf drop Downer et al. Lessons learned and future directions Brazilian peppertree illustrates many of the general concepts of invasive plant ecology. Similar to the majority of invasive plants, Brazilian peppertree was introduced and popularized as an ornamental. The low level of insect herbivory of Brazilian peppertree in Florida supports the "enemy release hypothesis" Williams ; Keane and Crawley , and provides a theoretical basis for the search for biological control agents in the native range. Hybridization has been implicated in the aggressiveness of Brazilian peppertree in Florida Mukherjee et al. Finally, growing evidence of positive interactions between Brazilian peppertree and other exotic species Clouse ; McCoy et al. A practical question is: What lessons can be gained from the experiences with Brazilian peppertree that could be applied to the management of other invasive species? One is certainly the difficulty of managing an exotic plant once it becomes firmly established over a large geographic area. Thus, a primary objective of invasive plant management should be the avoidance of future problems through regulatory methods that limit the arrival of new, potentially invasive plants. Historically, with the exception of a few plants included on the Federal Noxious Plant List the majority of which are already in the U. This has changed slightly with recently enacted NAPPRA Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis regulations, which in established a new category of plants which cannot be imported prior to the completion of a risk analysis. Properly administered weed risk assessment would go a long way in decreasing future problems with invasive plants Gordon et al. In addition to these regulatory measures, more effort should be directed towards educating the public about the threats of invasive plants, and invasive species in general. The demand for novel plants may decline if people were more aware of the environmental and economic costs associated with invasive species. In Minnesota, Yue et al. Finally, biological control provides the only sustainable and economically feasible solution to the Brazilian peppertree problem in Florida. Biological control has a long history of success in the regulation of invasive species worldwide Hartley ; Julien and Griffith ; Grevstad ; Tipping et al. Even though no biological control agents have been released against Brazilian peppertree, much has been learned about its genetics, ecology, distribution and natural enemies, and the future is promising. 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