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NAS - Nonindigenous Aquatic Species

Solanum tampicense (Dunal)

Common Name: wetland nightshade, aquatic soda apple, scrambling nightshade

Taxonomy: Division-Magnoliophyta (Angiosperms); Class-Liliopsida (Monocots); Subclass-Asteridae; Order-Solanales; Family-Solanaceae (Nightshade Family); Genus-Solanum.

Description: Sprawling [stems](#) up to 5m with harsh, recurved [prickles](#) create impenetrable thickets along wetland streams and in moist cypress domes.

Native Range: Central America



Hawaiian Islands

Solanum tampicense

0 125 250 500 750 1,000 Kilometers

 drainages with records



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Range indicates presence in at least one site within a drainage ([USGS Hydrologic Unit 8](#)), but does not necessarily imply occurrence throughout.

Nonindigenous Occurrences: Established and spreading in three major river drainages of Florida. First reported in 1983 from a wetland south of Punta Gorda in the Peace River drainage. During the same year another occurrence was reported from Fisheating Creek Wildlife Refuge in the Western Okeechobee River

drainage. Found in the Peace River in 1991, and by 1996, this species was found spreading throughout the Peace River tributaries. Also occurs in the Big Cypress Swamp drainage. The largest and densest population known in Florida is within the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Refuge where it is extending its range eastward towards Lake Okeechobee (A. Fox, UF, pers. comm. 1996).

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