



Coral Ardisia

(Ardisia crenata)



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Instant ID

- An upright evergreen shrub growing in clumps of stems sprouting from the ground up to 6 feet
- Leaves are dark-green with crenate (wavy) edges and reach 8 inches long
- Produces clusters of small white or pink flowers
- Deep-red berries can be present year-round

Hijacked Habitats

- Native to East Asia
- Introduced to Florida landscapes in the 1900s
- First observed growing in Florida in the wild in 1982
- Currently established in many northern and central counties of Florida
- Grows in the understory (beneath the cover of larger trees) preventing the growth of native shade-loving plants





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Plant Particulars

- Leaves and berries may be toxic to humans, pets and other animals
- Seeds are produced in large quantities and most germinate (sprout)
- Birds eat the berries and disperse (spread) the seeds to new areas
- Juvenile plants remain small until older plants are removed

Population Prevention

- If possible remove plants before berries reach maturity and do not plant new plants
- Properly dispose of plants with berries to prevent further spread
- For removal information visit, www.plants.ifas.ufl.edu

