

Conocarpus erectus



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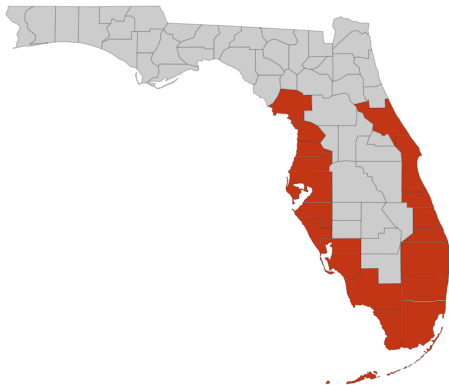
Buttonwood

Combretaceae

Plant Specifics

Size:	20-40 (50) ft tall by 20-40 ft wide
Life Span:	Long-lived perennial
Flower Color:	Yellow,green,NA
Fruit Color:	Brown
Phenology:	Evergreen. Flowers and fruits all year. Long-lived (Nelson 2003).
Habitats:	Upper edges of mangrove swamps and on low parts of dunes.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Landscaping

Recommended Uses:	Specimen plant, shade tree, hedge. Will tolerate shearing.
Light:	☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade
Moisture Tolerance:	Usually moist, occasional inundation ----- to - Somewhat long very dry periods
Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:	Tolerant of frequent or regular inundation (usually areas with tidal inundation)
Salt Spray Tolerance:	High. Can tolerate significant and ongoing amounts of salty wind and salt spray without injury.
Soil/Substrate:	Lime rock, Sand

Wildlife



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The seeds are primarily dispersed by water.

Nectar source and larval host plant for martial scrub hairs (*Strymon martialis*) and tantalus sphinx (*Aellopos tantalus*)

Nectar plant for amethyst hairstreak (*Chlorostrymon maes*) and other butterflies.

Attracts bees (<http://www.tcbeekeepers.org/>).