

# Geobalanus oblongifolius



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## Gopher-apple

### Chrysobalanaceae

Also known as *Licania michauxii*

### Plant Specifics

**Size:** 0.5 to 1 (3 rarely) ft. Spreads by rhizomes to form large colonies.

**Life Span:** Long-lived perennial

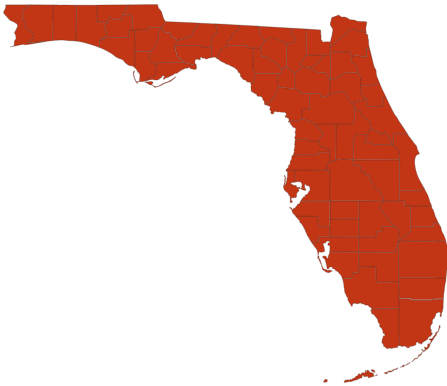
**Flower Color:** White

**Fruit Color:** Yellow

**Phenology:** Evergreen in the southern part of its range; deciduous to the north. Typically blooms late spring-mid summer.

**Habitats:** Scrub, scrubby flatwoods, sandhill, dry second-growth woods. Pine rocklands.

### Natural Range in Florida



### USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10A 10B 11 8A 8B 9A 9B

### Landscaping

**Recommended Uses:** Groundcover in dry, sunny settings. Can also make a good soil stabilizer.

**Light:** ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade

**Moisture Tolerance:** Not wet but not extremely dry ----- to ----- Very long very dry periods

**Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:** Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.

**Salt Spray Tolerance:** Moderate. Tolerant of salty wind and may get some salt spray. Exposure to salt spray would be uncommon (major storms).



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Soil/Substrate: Lime rock, Sand

## Wildlife



Fruits are eaten by small mammals and gopher tortoises.

Butterflies including buckeyes, rattlebox moths, wasps, ants and bees use the flowers. Bees are the primary pollinators. Documented bees include *Colletes sp. A*, *Agaposternon splendens*, *Augochlorella aurata*, *Augochloropsis metallica*, *A. sumptuosa*, *Dialictus nyinphalis*, *Sphecodes heraclei*, *Megachile brevispseudobrevis*, *Epeoluszonatus* and *Apis inellifera* (Deyrup et al. 2002)