

Sideroxylon tenax



Shirley Denton, August 1999

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Tough Buckthorn, Tough Bully

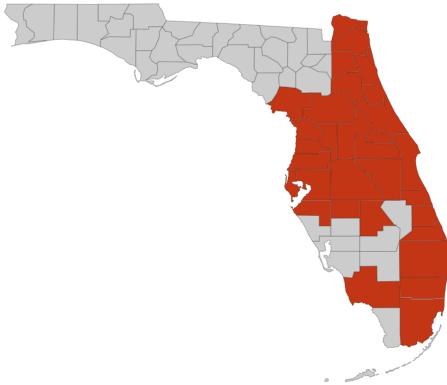
Sapotaceae

Also known as *Bumelia tenax*

Plant Specifics

- Size:** 12-30 ft tall by to 20 ft wide
- Life Span:** Long-lived perennial
- Flower Color:** White
- Fruit Color:** Black
- Phenology:** Evergreen (south) or deciduous (north). Flowers summer. Fruits ripen in summer or fall. Life span 50+ yrs (Nelson 2003).
- Habitats:** Sandhill, scrub.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Landscaping

- Recommended Uses:** Hedge plant, specimen plant, woodland plant. Plant where the silky brown/gold undersides of the foliage will be seen.
- 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:** Some tolerance to salty wind but not direct spray.



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Soil/Substrate: Sand

Wildlife



Birds and other animals eat the fruit.

Nectar plant for butterflies.

Attracts bees and flies. A pollinator magnet.

Watching insects swarm over my tough bully trees is one of my summertime treats.