

Family: Solanaceae

Taxon: Solanum torvum

Synonym: Solanum ficifolium Ortega
Solanum rudepannum Dunal

Common Name turkeyberry
devil's-fig
pea eggplant
platebrush

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| Questionnaire : Status: | current 20090513 Assessor Approved | Assessor: Data Entry Person: | Chuck Chimera Chuck Chimera | Designation: H(Hawai'i) WRA Score 24 |
| 101 | Is the species highly domesticated? | | y=-3, n=0 | n |
| 102 | Has the species become naturalized where grown? | | y=1, n=-1 | |
| 103 | Does the species have weedy races? | | y=1, n=-1 | |
| 201 | Species suited to tropical or subtropical climate(s) - If island is primarily wet habitat, then substitute "wet tropical" for "tropical or subtropical" | | (0-low; 1-intermediate; 2-high) (See Appendix 2) | High |
| 202 | Quality of climate match data | | (0-low; 1-intermediate; 2-high) (See Appendix 2) | High |
| 203 | Broad climate suitability (environmental versatility) | | y=1, n=0 | y |
| 204 | Native or naturalized in regions with tropical or subtropical climates | | y=1, n=0 | y |
| 205 | Does the species have a history of repeated introductions outside its natural range? | | y=-2, ?=-1, n=0 | y |
| 301 | Naturalized beyond native range | | y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2), n= question 205 | y |
| 302 | Garden/amenity/disturbance weed | | n=0, y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2) | |
| 303 | Agricultural/forestry/horticultural weed | | n=0, y = 2*multiplier (see Appendix 2) | y |
| 304 | Environmental weed | | n=0, y = 2*multiplier (see Appendix 2) | y |
| 305 | Congeneric weed | | n=0, y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2) | y |
| 401 | Produces spines, thorns or burrs | | y=1, n=0 | y |
| 402 | Allelopathic | | y=1, n=0 | |
| 403 | Parasitic | | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 404 | Unpalatable to grazing animals | | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 405 | Toxic to animals | | y=1, n=0 | y |
| 406 | Host for recognized pests and pathogens | | y=1, n=0 | y |
| 407 | Causes allergies or is otherwise toxic to humans | | y=1, n=0 | |
| 408 | Creates a fire hazard in natural ecosystems | | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 409 | Is a shade tolerant plant at some stage of its life cycle | | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 410 | Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions (or limestone conditions if not a volcanic island) | | y=1, n=0 | y |

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| 411 | Climbing or smothering growth habit | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 412 | Forms dense thickets | y=1, n=0 | y |
| 501 | Aquatic | y=5, n=0 | n |
| 502 | Grass | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 503 | Nitrogen fixing woody plant | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 504 | Geophyte (herbaceous with underground storage organs -- bulbs, corms, or tubers) | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 601 | Evidence of substantial reproductive failure in native habitat | y=1, n=0 | n |
| 602 | Produces viable seed | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 603 | Hybridizes naturally | y=1, n=-1 | |
| 604 | Self-compatible or apomictic | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 605 | Requires specialist pollinators | y=-1, n=0 | n |
| 606 | Reproduction by vegetative fragmentation | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 607 | Minimum generative time (years) | 1 year = 1, 2 or 3 years = 0, 4+ years = -1 | 1 |
| 701 | Propagules likely to be dispersed unintentionally (plants growing in heavily trafficked areas) | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 702 | Propagules dispersed intentionally by people | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 703 | Propagules likely to disperse as a produce contaminant | y=1, n=-1 | |
| 704 | Propagules adapted to wind dispersal | y=1, n=-1 | n |
| 705 | Propagules water dispersed | y=1, n=-1 | n |
| 706 | Propagules bird dispersed | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 707 | Propagules dispersed by other animals (externally) | y=1, n=-1 | n |
| 708 | Propagules survive passage through the gut | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 801 | Prolific seed production (>1000/m2) | y=1, n=-1 | n |
| 802 | Evidence that a persistent propagule bank is formed (>1 yr) | y=1, n=-1 | |
| 803 | Well controlled by herbicides | y=-1, n=1 | y |
| 804 | Tolerates, or benefits from, mutilation, cultivation, or fire | y=1, n=-1 | y |
| 805 | Effective natural enemies present locally (e.g. introduced biocontrol agents) | y=-1, n=1 | |

Designation: H(Hawai'i)

WRA Score 24

Supporting Data:

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| 101 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | No evidence |
| 102 | 2011. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication. | NA |
| 103 | 2011. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication. | NA |
| 201 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Native to the Antilles, now a pantropical weed." |
| 202 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Native to the Antilles, now a pantropical weed." |
| 203 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnic Descriptions General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "Ecology.—In Puerto Rico, turkey berry grows in upland sites that receive from about 1000 to 4000 mm of annual precipitation. It also grows in riparian zones in drier areas. Turkey berry grows on all types of moist, fertile soil at elevations from near sea level to almost 1,000 m in Puerto Rico (Little and others 1974) and 2,000 m in Papua New Guinea (Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk 2001)." [elevationm range >1000 m; displays environmental versatility] |
| 203 | 2011. Tropilab Inc.. Solanum torvum- Turkey Berry. http://www.tropilab.com/turkeyberry.html | "USDA zone 9 - 11" |
| 204 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Native to the Antilles, now a pantropical weed; in Hawaii naturalized in Kaneohe and Palolo Valley, Oahu and along Iao Stream Maui. First collected on Maui in 1954." |
| 205 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Native to the Antilles, now a pantropical weed." |
| 301 | 1999. Oppenheimer, H.L./Meidell, J.S./Bartlett, R.T.. New plant records for Maui and Moloka'i. Bishop Museum Occasional Papers. 59: 7-11. | "Solanum torvum Sw. Range extension According to Wagner et al. (1990: 1276) the naturalized range of this species in Hawai'i was previously known to be O'ahu and along Iao Stream on West Maui. The following collection extends its range to East Maui. Material examined. MAUI: East Maui, Hana District, Ka'eleku, along the road to Hana Airport, 61 m, 21 Jun 1998, Oppenheimer 305 (BISH)." |
| 301 | 2003. Starr, F./Starr, K./Loope, L.L.. New plant records from the Hawaiian Archipelago. Bishop Museum Occasional Papers. 74: 23-34. | "Previously known from O'ahu and Maui (Wagner et al., 1990; Oppenheimer et al., 1999), S. torvum (turkeyberry) is now also known from Hilo, Hawai'i where it was volunteering in waste areas. Material examined: HAWAII: Hilo, University of Hawaii Hilo campus, 200 ft [60 m], 1 Aug 2001, Starr & Martz 010801-1." |
| 301 | 2003. Wunderlin, R.P./Hansen, B.F.. Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida. University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL | "Disturbed areas. Occasional; Colombia Co., central and southern peninsula. Native to the West Indies." [Florida] |
| 302 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic Solanum spp. (Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defecta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | "This noxious solanum invades disturbed sites such as pastures, crop fields, roadsides, damp waste areas and forest clearings where it competes with desirable plants for moisture, light and nutrients." [a disturbance weed with agricultural and environmental impacts. See 3.03 & 3.04] |
| 302 | 2004. Grubben, G.J.H.. Vegetables. Volume 2 of Plant resources of tropical Africa. PROTA, Wageningen, Netherlands | "Solanum torvum establishes itself on open land in disturbed soil, along roads and on waste places, where it often turns into a weed that becomes hard to control." |
| 302 | 2010. Nelson, G.. The Trees of Florida. 2nd Edition. Pineapple Press Inc, Sarasota, FL | "Origin: Not native (West Indies), invasive, EPPC listed...Distribution: Thickets, waste places, disturbed sites, edges of hammocks; from about Columbia, St. Johns, Putnam, and Pasco counties southward, including the Keys." |
| 303 | 1995. Devendra, C./Gardiner, P.. Global agenda for livestock research: proceedings of the consultation for the South-East Asia Region : 10-13 May 1995, IRRI. International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya | "High levels of weed infestation are a major problem facing livestock farmers. Common weeds include guava (<i>Psidium guajava</i>)...prickly solanum (<i>Solanum torvum</i>)..." |

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| 303 | 1998. Agyakwa, C.W./Akobundu, I.O.. A handbook of West African weeds. International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria | "Habitat" A common weed of cultivated crops and waste areas in the forest zones." |
| 303 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic <i>Solanum</i> spp. (Solanales: Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defuncta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | "Tropical soda apple, <i>Solanum viarum</i> Dunal, wetland nightshade, <i>S. tampicense</i> Dunal, and turkey berry, <i>S. torvum</i> Swartz, are considered three of Florida's most invasive plant species. These nonnative perennial broadleaf weeds are disrupting native plant communities in agricultural areas and natural ecosystems. The lack of natural enemies in Florida is thought to be an important factor contributing to their invasiveness." |
| 303 | 2006. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Federal noxious weed list. http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=Federal | The plant is legally designated a federal noxious weed in the United States. |
| 304 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic <i>Solanum</i> spp. (Solanales: Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defuncta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | "Tropical soda apple, wetland nightshade and turkey berry are currently recognized as three of Florida's most invasive nonnative plant species (FLDACS 1999, FLEPPC 1999, Langeland 2001). Although it is unclear why these exotic solanaceous plants have become weeds, the lack of hostspecific natural enemies in Florida (the introduced range) may have afforded these plants a competitive advantage over native species (Cuda et al. 2002)." |
| 304 | 2006. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Federal noxious weed list. http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=Federal | The plant is legally designated a federal noxious weed in the United States. |
| 304 | 2009. Liu, H./Pemberton, R.W.. Solitary invasive orchid bee outperforms co-occurring native bees to promote fruit set of an invasive <i>Solanum</i> . Oecologia. 159: 515-525. | "The weed is under eradication in southern Florida and therefore currently occurs as scattered and ephemeral individual plants or groups of plants." |
| 305 | 2006. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Federal noxious weed list. http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=Federal | <i>Solanum tampicense</i> and <i>Solanum viarum</i> listed as Federal noxious weeds. |
| 401 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Spreading or sprawling shrubs 2-3 m tall, prickles 3-7 mm long, slightly hooked, laterally flattened, scattered on stems, both leaf surfaces, and main veins, sparse on aged and mature growth" |
| 402 | 2011. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication. | Unknown |
| 403 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Spreading or sprawling shrubs 2-3 m tall" [not parasitic] |
| 404 | 1997. Swarbrick, J.T.. Weeds of the Pacific Islands. Technical paper no. 209. South Pacific Commission, Noumea, New Caledonia | "Tolerant to fire. Unpalatable to stock because of thorns. Controlled by cultivation and grubbing" |
| 404 | 2000. Simmonds, H./Holst, P./Bourke, C.. The palatability, and potential toxicity of Australian weeds to goats. Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, Barton, Australia | "Palatability: Not known to be eaten" |
| 404 | 2008. De Garine-Wichatitsky, M./Spaggiari J.. Alien plants in native sclerophyll forests of New Caledonia : the role of ungulates. Pages 80-84 in Proceedings of the Regional Workshop on Invasive Plant Species in Pastoral Areas. SPC, Suva, Fiji | "The frequency of browse of the introduced species (Table 1) varied greatly between species (e.g. <i>D. virgatus</i> or <i>S. retusa</i> were almost always browsed, whereas <i>H. pectinata</i> and <i>S. torvum</i> were never browsed)." |
| 405 | 2000. Simmonds, H./Holst, P./Bourke, C.. The palatability, and potential toxicity of Australian weeds to goats. Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, Barton, Australia | "Toxicity to Goats: Toxic, low risk...Toxicity to Other Species: Potentially toxic to sheep and cattle...Poisonous Principle: Hydroxycholecalciferols...Signs and symptoms; Weight loss, bony changes, eventually respiratory difficulties...Health and production problems; Chronic ill thrift hence reduced productivity...The consumption of large amounts of this plant over a long period can cause a chronic form of vitamin D toxicity, hence the signs and symptoms of excessive calcium deposition and insufficient phosphorus and magnesium uptake." |

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| 405 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic <i>Solanum</i> spp. (Solanales: Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defuncta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | "Although it is frequently cultivated as a yard plant in south Florida (Westbrooks & Eplee 1989), turkey berry is potentially poisonous to animals (Chadhokar 1976, Abatan et al. 1997), and possibly carcinogenic to humans (Balachandran & Sivaramkrishnan). Although it is frequently cultivated as a yard plant in south Florida (Westbrooks & Eplee 1989), turkey berry is potentially poisonous to animals (Chadhokar 1976, Abatan et al. 1997), and possibly carcinogenic to humans (Balachandran & Sivaramkrishnan 1995)." |
| 406 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic <i>Solanum</i> spp. (Solanales: Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defuncta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | "Turkey berry has been reported as a reservoir for <i>Alternaria solani</i> Sorauer (Deuteromycetes: Dematiaceae), the causative agent of wilt disease in potatoes and tomatoes (Mune & Parham 1967)..." |
| 406 | 2004. Grubben, G.J.H.. Vegetables. Volume 2 of Plant resources of tropical Africa. PROTA, Wageningen, Netherlands | "Diseases and pests. Pea eggplant may suffer from some of the diseases that are found on other solanaceous crops..." |
| 407 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic <i>Solanum</i> spp. (Solanales: Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defuncta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | "Although it is frequently cultivated as a yard plant in south Florida (Westbrooks & Eplee 1989), turkey berry is potentially poisonous to animals (Chadhokar 1976, Abatan et al. 1997), and possibly carcinogenic to humans (Balachandran & Sivaramkrishnan)." |
| 407 | 2004. Bryson, C.T./Carter, R.. Biology of Pathways for Invasive Weeds. Weed Technology. 18(sp1): 1216-1220. | "Fruits of turkeyberry are used in stir fry dishes, and the leaves of swamp morning glory are eaten like spinach or greens." [apparently not acutely toxic to humans, but see Cuda et al. 2002] |
| 407 | 2004. Grubben, G.J.H.. Vegetables. Volume 2 of Plant resources of tropical Africa. PROTA, Wageningen, Netherlands | "In Cote d'Ivoire the plant is known to cause instant insanity when eaten raw and it has been used as poison for people." |
| 408 | 1997. Swarbrick, J.T.. Weeds of the Pacific Islands. Technical paper no. 209. South Pacific Commission, Noumea, New Caledonia | "Tolerant to fire." [but no indication that plant increases fire risks] |
| 408 | 2003. Motooka, P./Castro, L./Nelson, D./Nagai, G./Ching, L.. Weeds of Hawaii's Pastures and Natural Areas: An Identification and Management Guide. CTAHR, UH Manoa, Honolulu, HI http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/invweed/weedsHi.htm | No evidence of increased fire hazard |
| 408 | 2008. Langeland, K.A./Burks, K.C. (eds.). Identification and Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas. UF/IFAS Distribution, Gainesville, FL http://www.fleppc.org/ID_book.htm | Fire hazards not listed among negative impacts |
| 409 | 1999. Staples, G./Kristiansen, M.S.. Ethnic culinary herbs: a guide to identification and cultivation in Hawaii. University of Hawaii Press, Honolulu, HI | "Turkeyberry thrives in sunny, dry habitats in Hawaii." |
| 409 | 2004. Grubben, G.J.H.. Vegetables. Volume 2 of Plant resources of tropical Africa. PROTA, Wageningen, Netherlands | "Seeds require sunlight for germination and shading may thus control the spread of <i>Solanum torvum</i> as a weed." |
| 409 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnisc Descriptions General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "It grows best in full sunlight and does well in light shade or shade for part of the day, but cannot survive under a closed forest canopy." |
| 410 | 1997. Swarbrick, J.T.. Weeds of the Pacific Islands. Technical paper no. 209. South Pacific Commission, Noumea, New Caledonia | "It prefers moist, fertile soil, but will tolerate drought." |

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| 410 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnic Descriptions General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "Turkey berry grows on all types of moist, fertile soil at elevations from near sea level to almost 1,000 m in Puerto Rico (Little and others 1974) and 2,000 m in Papua New Guinea (Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk 2001)." |
| 411 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Spreading or sprawling shrubs 2-3 m tall" [not climbing or smothering] |
| 412 | 2003. Motoooka, P./Castro, L./Nelson, D./Nagai, G./Ching, L.. Weeds of Hawaii's Pastures and Natural Areas: An Identification and Management Guide. CTAHR, UH Manoa, Honolulu, HI http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/invweed/weedsHi.html | "Infests pastures in solid stands that shade out undergrowth. Because of spines, interferes with passage of people and animals" |
| 412 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnic Descriptions General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "Given an equal start after disturbance, turkey berry quickly overtops most herbs, grasses, and other shrubs. It grows best in full sunlight and does well in light shade or shade for part of the day, but cannot survive under a closed forest canopy. Turkey berry single plants, groups, and thickets are most frequently seen on roadsides, vacant lots, brushy pastures, recently abandoned farmland, landslides, and river banks." |
| 501 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Spreading or sprawling shrubs 2-3 m tall" [terrestrial] |
| 502 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | Solanaceae |
| 503 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | Solanaceae [not a nitrogen fixing woody plant] |
| 504 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | Solanaceae [not a geophyte] |
| 601 | 2002. Cuda, J.P./Parker, P.E./Coon, B.R. et al.. Evaluation of exotic <i>Solanum</i> spp. (Solanales: Solanaceae) in Florida as host plants for the leaf beetles <i>Leptinotarsa defecta</i> & <i>L. texana</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Florida Entomologist. 85(4): 599-610. | No evidence of substantial reproductive failure in native habitat |
| 602 | 2004. Grubben, G.J.H.. Vegetables. Volume 2 of Plant resources of tropical Africa. PROTA, Wageningen, Netherlands | " <i>Solanum torvum</i> is normally propagated by seed." |
| 602 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnic Descriptions General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "Reproduction.—Flowering and fruiting is continuous after the shrubs reach about 1 to 1.5 m in height. Ripe fruits collected in Puerto Rico averaged 1.308 + 0.052 g. Air dry seeds from these fruits weighed an average of 0.00935 g or 1,070,000 seeds/kg. These seeds were sown on commercial potting mix and 60 percent germinated between 13 and 106 days following sowing. The seedlings are common in recently disturbed ground. Frugivorous birds eat the fruits and spread the seeds" |

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| 603 | 1998. Bletsos, F.A. et al.. Interspecific hybrids between three eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.) cultivars & two wild species (<i>Solanum torvum</i> Sw. and <i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> Lam.). <i>Plant Breeding</i> . 117: 159—164. | "Abstract: Three Greek eggplant cultivars, 'Langada', 'Tsakoniki' and 'Emi' (2n= 24), were crossed with two wild species (<i>Solanum torvum</i> Sw., 2n= 24 and <i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> Lam., 2n= 24). Ovules isolated 15-27 days after pollination were cultured in a modified MS medium at 24°C and a 16h photoperiod. Fifty days later, the ovules were dissected and the interspecific embryos were cultured in the same medium. Interspecific hybrids were achieved only from crosses between the eggplant cultivars and <i>S. torvum</i> . The hybridity of the putative interspecific F1 hybrid (<i>Solanum melongena</i> × <i>S. torvum</i>) was confirmed by using morphological and biochemical (isozyme isocitrate dehydrogenase A, phosphoglucomutase A, phosphoglucose isomerase B, 6 phosphogluconate dehydrogenase A, 6 phosphogluconate dehydrogenase B) markers. The F1 plants ('Langada' × <i>S. torvum</i>) were self-pollinated and backcrossed to both parents. Fruits, however, were produced only when the F1 hybrid was backcrossed as female with the eggplant cultivar 'Langada'." [ability to hybridize naturally unknown] |
| 604 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. <i>Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii</i> . Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Self-compatible" |
| 604 | 2009. Liu, H./Pemberton, R.W.. Solitary invasive orchid bee outperforms co-occurring native bees to promote fruit set of an invasive <i>Solanum</i> . <i>Oecologia</i> . 159: 515–525. | "The plant is andromonoecious, producing inflorescences with both hermaphroditic flowers and functionally staminate flowers, with the latter on the distal portions of the inflorescence axes (Whalen and Costich 1986; Liu and Pemberton, unpublished data)...None of the flowers subjected to pollinator exclusion treatments set fruit, demonstrating the dependency of <i>S. torvum</i> on a pollinator for fruit set. In addition, selfing and outcrossing were not significantly different in terms of resultant fruit set" |
| 605 | 2009. Liu, H./Pemberton, R.W.. Solitary invasive orchid bee outperforms co-occurring native bees to promote fruit set of an invasive <i>Solanum</i> . <i>Oecologia</i> . 159: 515–525. | "Flowers of <i>S. torvum</i> require specialized buzz pollination. Through timed floral visitor watches and two pollination treatments (control and pollen supplementation) at three forest edge and three open area sites, we found that the fruit set of <i>S. torvum</i> was pollen limited at the open sites where the native bees dominate, but was not pollen limited at the forest sites where the invasive orchid bees dominate. The orchid bee's pollination efficiency was nearly double that of the native halictid bees, and was also slightly higher than that of the native carpenter bee...The orchid bee was the most important pollinator of the weed at the forest sites, which could pose additional challenges to the management of this weed in the fragmented, endangered tropical hardwood forests in the region. This specialized invasive mutualism may promote populations of both the orchid bee and this noxious weed. Invasive solitary bees, particularly species that are specialized pollinators, appear to have more importance than has previously been recognized...Both the native and introduced bees contributed to the reproduction of <i>S. torvum</i> . Among the native bees, carpenter and halictid bees are the most frequent and consistent visitors to <i>S. torvum</i> , and they were the most important pollinators at the open area sites where the orchid bees were mostly absent. However, the plant suffered pollen limitation with pollination services provided by these native bees alone." [although seed set is better with specialized pollinators, they are not required for pollination] |
| 606 | 2008. Langeland, K.A./Burks, K.C. (eds.). <i>Identification and Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas</i> . UF/IFAS Distribution, Gainesville, FL http://www.fleppc.org/ID_book.htm | "Sprouts from roots, forming thickets (N. Coile, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 1997 personal communication)." |
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| 607 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. <i>Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnic Descriptions</i> General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "Turkey berry grows about 0.75 to 1.5 m in height per year. The species is not long-lived; most plants live about 2 years." |
| 701 | 2003. Starr, F./Starr, K./Loope, L.L.. <i>Solanum torvum</i> - Turkey berry - Solanaceae. USGS - Biological Resources Haleakala Field Station Maui, www.hear.org/starr/hiplants/reports/pdf/solanum_torvum.pdf | "On Maui, this species seems to be spread on equipment or in soil that has come from infested areas. Cleaning vehicles and equipment after being in contaminated areas may help decrease the spread on Maui. <i>S. torvum</i> appeared to be sparingly cultivated in Lahaina and it may be useful to educate the public that it is a noxious weed and is not legal to propagate, possess, or sell." |

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| 707 | 1999. Wagner, W.L./Herbst, D.R./Sohmer, S.H.. Manual of the flowering plants of Hawaii. Revised edition.. University of Hawai'i Press and Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI. | "Berries few to 10 in clusters, drab yellow, brownish at maturity, mucilaginous, drying with age, globose, 1-1.5 cm in diameter, pedicels 1-1.5 cm long, thickened below calyx, calyx not much enlarged. Seeds numerous, drab brownish, flattened, discoid, 1.5-2 mm long, slightly reticulate." [possible that fruit could be carried externally, but no evidence & no means of external attachment] |
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| 802 | 2008. Royal Botanic Gardens Kew. Seed Information Database (SID). Version 7.1. http://data.kew.org/sid/ | "Storage Behaviour: Orthodox Storage Conditions: Long-term storage under IPGRI preferred conditions at RBG Kew, WP. Oldest collection 12 years" |
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| 803 | 2003. Motooka, P./Castro, L./Nelson, D./Nagai, G./Ching,L.. Weeds of Hawaii's Pastures and Natural Areas: An Identification and Management Guide. CTAHR, UH Manoa, Honolulu, HI http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/invweed/weedsHi.html | "Sensitive to foliar-applied triclopyr and soil-applied tebuthiuron" |
| 804 | 2009. Francis, J.K.. Wildland Shrubs of the United States & its Territories: Thamnic Descriptions General Technical Report IITF-WB-1. U.S.D.A. Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry, http://www.fs.fed.us/global/iitf/wildland_shrubs.htm | "Physical control of the shrub may be done by grubbing out the plants; lopping will not kill them. They can be killed by translocated herbicides applied to the leaves or the cut stumps" |
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