

Family: Rutaceae

Taxon: triphasia trifolia

Synonym: Limonia trifoliata
Triphasia trifoliata DC.
Limonia trifolia Burm. f. (basionym)

Common Name: limeberry
trifoliolate limeberry
triphasia
myrtle lime
Chinese lime

Questionnaire : current 20090513
Status: Assessor Approved

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Data Entry Person: Patti Clifford

Designation: H(HPWRA)

WRA Score 9

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	n
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)	n
303	Agricultural/forestry/horticultural weed	n=0, y = 2*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	n
304	Environmental weed	n=0, y = 2*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	y
305	Congeneric weed	n=0, y = 1*multiplier (see Appendix 2)	n
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	
405	Toxic to animals	y=1, n=0	n
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	n
408	Creates a fire hazard in natural ecosystems	y=1, n=0	
409	Is a shade tolerant plant at some stage of its life cycle	y=1, n=0	y

410	Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions (or limestone conditions if not a volcanic island)	y=1, n=0	y
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	
605	Requires specialist pollinators	y=-1, n=0	n
606	Reproduction by vegetative fragmentation	y=1, n=-1	n
607	Minimum generative time (years)	1 year = 1, 2 or 3 years = 0, 4+ years = -1	>3
701	Propagules likely to be dispersed unintentionally (plants growing in heavily trafficked areas)	y=1, n=-1	n
702	Propagules dispersed intentionally by people	y=1, n=-1	y
703	Propagules likely to disperse as a produce contaminant	y=1, n=-1	n
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	
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	
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Supporting Data:

101	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	No evidence.
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201	2010. USDA, ARS, National Genetic Resources Program. Germplasm Resources Information Network - (GRIN) [Online Database]. National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland http://www.ars-grin.gov/cgi-bin/npgs/html/taxon.pl?28398	Widely cultivated and naturalized. Perhaps native to s.e. Asia.
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203	2009. Dave's Garden. PlantFiles: Lime Berry <i>Triphasia trifolia</i> <i>Triphasia trifolia</i> . Dave's Garden,	USDA zones 9b-11.
204	2005. Staples, G. W./Herbst, D. R.. A Tropical Garden Flora - Plants Cultivated in the Hawaiian Islands and Other Tropical Places. Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Probably native to the Malay Peninsula.
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301	2003. Clark, D.. Weeds are still "weeds" in paradise. Wildland Weeds. Winter: 16-17.	<i>Triphasia trifolia</i> is naturalized on the U.S. Virgin Islands.
302	2007. Randall, R.P.. Global Compendium of Weeds. http://www.hear.org/gcw/	No evidence.
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304	. Kairo, M./Ali, B./Cheesman, O./Haysom, K./Murphy, S.. Invasive species threatens in the Caribbean region report to the Nature Conservancy. CAB International, Currepe http://www.invasivespecies.net/database/species/reference_files/Kairo%20et%20al,%202003.p	Naturalized and invasive in Barbados.
304	2001. Bolusky, B./Mott, M.. FNGA urges Florida's nursery and landscape industry to phase out 34 invasive plants. The Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, http://www.fleppc.org/FNGA/FNGA_Pressrelease.htm	The Florida Exotic Pest Council requested that Florida nursery growers, landscape professionals and garden center retailers voluntarily stop using <i>Triphasia trifolia</i> because it is an invasive weed in Florida's natural areas.

304	2006. Wehling, W./Nunez, C.A./Glassberg, J.. Lime swallowtails in aNew World. American Butterflies. Summer/Fall: 31-35. http://www.naba.org/pubs/ab142/ab142lime_swallowtail_in_the_new_world.pdf	Triphasia trifolia is treated as an invasive weed in Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas.
304	2010. Florida Gardening. Invasive Plants to Avoid. The Florida Nursery, Growers & Landscape Association, http://www.floridagardening.org/invasive.asp	On the Florida "do not sell" list because it is invasive in natural areas.
305	2007. Randall, R.P.. Global Compendium of Weeds. http://www.hear.org/gcw/	No evidence.
401	2009. Stuartxchange.org. Philippine medicinal plants family Rutaceae limonsito Triphasia trifolia P.Wils. Lime berry. Stuartxchange.org, http://www.stuartxchange.org/Limonsito.html	Smooth shrub growing to a height of 2 meters. The leaf has two sharp and slender spines at the base.
402	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	Unknown.
403	2005. Staples, G. W./Herbst, D. R.. A Tropical Garden Flora - Plants Cultivated in the Hawaiian Islands and Other Tropical Places. Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Not parasitic.
404	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	Unknown.
405	2010. National Center for Biotechnology Information. PubMed. U.S. National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez	No known toxicity in PubMed.
405	2010. Specialized Information Services, U.S. National Library of Medicine. TOXNET Toxicology Data Network [Online Database]. National Institutes of Health, http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/	No toxicity mentioned in ToxNet.
406	2004. Halbert, S.E./Manjunath, K.L.. Asian citrus psyllids (Sternorrhyncha: Psyllidae) and greening disease of citrus: a literature review and assessment of risk in Florida. Florida Entomologist. 87: 330-352.	Triphasia trifolia is a host for the Asian citrus psyllid, Diaphorina citri. It can be one of the most serious pests of citrus if the pathogens that cause citrus greening disease are present. Transmission of citrus greening occurs primarily via infective citrus psyllids and grafting. It is transmissible experimentally through dodder and might be transmitted by seed from infected plants and transovarially in psyllid vectors. Citrus greening disease is restricted to Citrus and close citrus relatives because of the narrow host range of the psyllid vectors. Management of citrus greening disease is difficult and requires an integrated approach including use of clean stock, elimination of inoculum via voluntary and regulatory means, use of pesticides to control psyllid vectors in the citrus crop, and biological control of psyllid vectors in non-crop reservoirs. There is no place in the world where citrus greening disease occurs that it is under completely successful management.
407	2008. Carvalho Stow, S.J.. Non-native plant distribution in Montserrat conservation and ecological aspects. Imperial College of London, http://www.iccs.org.uk/thesis/consci/msc08-stow,sarah.pdf	The berries are edible and the juice is used for nail polish. The leaves and fruit can be made into a beverage and a treatment for colds. Medicinal.
407	2009. Stuartxchange.org. Philippine medicinal plants family Rutaceae limonsito Triphasia trifolia P.Wils. Lime berry. Stuartxchange.org, http://www.stuartxchange.org/Limonsito.html	A Philippine medicinal plant. The fruit is edible. The leaves are used externally for skin afflictions and cosmetics.
408	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	Unknown.
409	1946. Howes, F.N.. Fence and barrier plants in warm climates. Kew Bulletin. 1: 51-87.	Triphasia trifolia is a much-cultivated hedge plant throughout the tropics, growing well in both the wet and dry tropics and under shade.
410	1987. Wiles, G.J.. The status of fruit bats on Guam. Pacific Science. 41: 148-157.	Limestone forest is found over much of northern Guam and in isolated patches in the southern part of the island. Triphasia trifolia is a common species in primary limestone forests.
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503	2010. www.nationmaster.com. Encyclopedia Nitrogen fixation. Nationmaster.com, http://www.nationmaster.com/encyclopedia/Nitrogen-fixation	Not a nitrogen fixer. Rutaceae.
504	2005. Staples, G. W./Herbst, D. R.. A Tropical Garden Flora - Plants Cultivated in the Hawaiian Islands and Other Tropical Places. Bishop Museum Press, Honolulu, HI.	Glabrous shrub with zig zag branches. The alternate, trifoliate leaves have wingless petioles and bear paired spines in their axils. The fruit is oval, red, about 0.5" in diameter.
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603	2010. WRA Specialist. Personal Communication.	Unknown.
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605	2006. Pacific Islands Ecosystems at Risk. Triphasia trifolia (Burm.f.) Paul G.Wilson, Rutacea. Pacific Islands Ecosystems at Risk, http://www.hear.org/Pier/species/triphasia_trifolia.htm	flowers 1-3 in axils on peduncles 3-4 mm long; flowers 3-parted, white; stamens 6; ovary 3-locular; locules 1-seeded.
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704	1983. Jenkins, J.M.. The native forest birds of Guam. Ornithological Monographs. 31: 1-61.	[no adaptation for wind dispersal] <i>Gallicolumba xanthonura</i> , <i>Ptilinopus roseicapilla</i> and <i>Aplonis opaca guami</i> , native forest birds of Guam use the berries of <i>Triphasia trifolia</i> as a food source.
704	2006. Simpson, T.. Guam CSP invasive weed management guide. United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. Pacific Islands Area - West, http://www.docstoc.com/docs/737229/Guam-CSP-Invasive-Weed-Management-Guide	Reproduces from bird dispersed seed.
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