

## Cat's Claw

*Pithecellobium unguis-cati*

- This native species' common name is known as Cat's Claw and is sometimes referred to as Catclaw Blackbead.
- The name Cat's Claw comes from the pairs of spikes along the branches that resemble cat claws. The name blackbead comes from the black bean used in making beads.
- The trees are multi-trunked and can get greater than 15 feet high.
- This plant grows in South Florida and its range extends south through the Caribbean to northern South America.
- Flowers occur in the spring and attract many pollinators.
- Cat's Claw is used as a larval host plant by butterflies such as the large Orange sulfur (*Phoebis agarithe* Boisduval) and the Miami blue (*Hemiargus thomasi* Clench) butterflies.

