

FLORIDA SWAMPPRIVET/FLORIDA OLIVE

Forestiera segregata

- The native Privet has small simple elliptical to oblong leaves with straight margins that measure 2" to 4" in length.
- The plant can grow to a width of six to ten feet and can grow upwards to 10 to 15 feet in height, with an upright oval, vase shape.
- It is a common plant found in coastal hammocks and well adapted to salt spray, occasional flooding, and alkaline soil conditions.
- For home landscapes, it can be pruned into a formal hedge, or allowed to grow into a large screening plant for privacy or as a sound barrier. The plant is described as semi-evergreen, so expect a natural thinning of foliage in January and February.
- Flowers are borne individually or in clusters of three or four along the branches, and they occur in the winter and early spring before the new leaves emerge.
- The small blue to purple-colored berries in the spring and summer are attractive food sources for birds.

