

INKBERRY

Scaevola plumieri

- The native Inkberry is considered as threatened in Florida.
- Several plants were recently restored on the North Trail in their natural habitat.
- Inkberry grows in full sun and is highly drought, wind, and salt tolerant. It can grow to 2 to 3 feet tall but its true size is sometimes concealed when it becomes covered with sand.
- These plants are great dune stabilizers.
- Leaves are usually stiff and thick.
- The invasive Beach Naupaka takes over the areas where natives thrive, so a program is continually underway to remove the invasive.
- Both have a white half-flower. The fruit is a drupe about the size of an olive and is fairly prominent among the foliage. The native fruit ripens to a glossy, purplish-black and contains a single seed within a hard endocarp while the invasive Beach Naupaka has white fruit.

