

JAMAICAN DOGWOOD

Piscidia piscipula

- The native Jamaican dogwood is a small tree with twisted branches, an irregularly rounded crown, and gray, mottled, scaly bark. Leaves are 10" long, grayish-green, leathery, evergreen, pinnately compound, with 5–11 ovate leaflets up to 2 3/4" long.
- The tree can grow to 50' and its range is mainly coastal southern Florida through the Caribbean.
- In the spring the tree loses its leaves and produces flowers in the axils of its fallen leaves. Flowers are 1/3" lavender-white, in 4" clusters, and bloom April–May.
- Fruit pods are 4" long, rectangular, light brown, with 4 papery, wavy-edged wings. Flattened seed pods start green but turn brown before dropping off.
- This tree is often recommended for the Florida native plant garden.
- It is a host plant for a skipper butterfly.

