

SAFFRON PLUM

Sideroxylon celastrinum

- This shrub is native to Florida and Texas.
- It is a spiny shrub or small tree that reaches a height of 6.6–29.5 feet. The dark green leaves are alternate or fascicled at the nodes and oblanceolate to obovate.
- Five to nine leaves are usually clustered together.
- Greenish-white flowers are present from May to November and are followed by single-seeded, blue-black drupes that are edible.
- Although called a plum, it is not in the plum family.
- When in bloom, they have a sweet almost honey-suckle scent. There are only two or three along the trail.
- The fruits are eaten by wildlife.

