## WHITE INDIGOBERRY

Randia aculeata

- This is a native plant in regions from coastal south Florida, through the West Indies, and into parts of Central and South America.
- It is an evergreen shrub with small, shiny, leathery leaves that cluster at the tips of branches. The undersides of the green leaves are lighter than the top sides.
- It can grow to 6 8 feet high and the plant is supported by an extensive tap and lateral root system, which helps stabilize the surrounding soil and provides extraordinary support during high winds, such as tropical storms and hurricanes.
- It produces small, white, single flowers with five fragrant petals.
- After flowering, the female plants have showy white fruits that give this plant its common name. The berry-like fruit has a brittle white hull with bluish-black (indigo) pulp.
- As a native plant, it has been rated by some as one of the best home landscape shrubs for the South Florida area to use as a specimen or trimmed to a hedge.

