

## Common Invasive Trees in Central Florida

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Common name: Brazilian pepper

Scientific name: *Schinus terebinthifolius*

Origin: Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay

Key characteristics: Opposite, dark green leaves with light green venation; bears bright red fruit at the tips of branches from December – March

For more information: <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/schinus-terebinthifolia/>



Figure 1: Brazilian pepper tree with characteristic bright red fruits. Photo credit: "Starr 041018-0009 *Schinus terebinthifolius*" by Forest and Kim Starr.

Common name: Camphor

Scientific name: *Cinnamomum camphora*

Origin: China, Taiwan, Japan

Key characteristics: Strong camphor smell when any part of the plant is crushed; dark purple or black fruit

For more information: <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/cinnamomum-camphora/>



Figure 2: Camphor tree displaying flowers and berries. Photo credit: "camphor tree" by Phil Chiochio, University of Florida.



Common name: Chinaberry

Scientific name: *Melia azedarach*

Origin: Asia

Key characteristics: Fragrant flowers; fruit is persistent after leaf drop

For more information: <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/melia-azedarach/>



Figure 3: Chinaberry tree displaying lilac-like flowers. Photo credit: "Melia azedarach HRM" by A. Barral.

Common name: Chinese tallow tree

Scientific name: *Triadica sebifera*

Origin: Central China and Japan

Key characteristics: Common in old pastures; seedpods look like popcorn

For more information: <https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-directory/triadica-sebifera/>



Figure 4: Chinese tallow tree with immature (green) fruit. Photo credit: "Triadica sebifera2" by KENPEI - KENPEI's photo.