

# **Citrus Weed Spotlight**

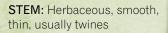
### Scarlet morning-glory

Ipomoea hederifolia (Ipomoea coccinea var. hederifolia) By Stephen H. Futch, David W. Hall and Brent Sellers

LIFE CYCLE: Annual twining vine

HEIGHT: Climbing, 3 to 10 feet long or high

LEAVES: Alternate, usually three-lobed, but sometimes five- to seven-lobed, 1 to 4 inches long, smooth



#### FLOWERS: Solitary or

clustered, borne on long,

hairy stalks; sepals are one-eighth-inch long; tips are one-eighth-inch long, tail-like, long-tapering; flowers are a dark, solid scarlet red; petals are fused to form a narrow, trumpet-shaped tube, 1 to 1¾ inches long, flared at mouth; stamens and pistil extend beyond flower tube; may close in late morning; blooms summer through fall

FRUIT: Round capsule, one-third-inch wide, stalked

**PROPAGATED BY:** Seeds; seeds are wedge-shaped, one-eighth-inch long, black to dark brown, finely hairy

**COMMENTS:** Climbs through vegetation, into tree canopies or spreads along the ground; can shade out medium-sized trees, shrubs and other vegetation; scattered and native throughout Florida, north into southern Georgia and west to New Mexico; also found in the West Indies as well as Central and South America; cultivated as an ornamental

**CONTROL:** Control with glyphosate is enhanced when applied in combination with either Treevix (saflufenacil) or Aim (carfentrazone), if adequate coverage is achieved when plants are growing on the ground. When applying either Treevix or Aim, be sure to follow label recommendations on the addition of surfactant and ammonium sulfate. We currently lack sufficient data to make a full recommendation on preemergence herbicide control. It is assumed that standard pre-emergence herbicides like diuron and simazine should provide some suppression of emerging seedlings.

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