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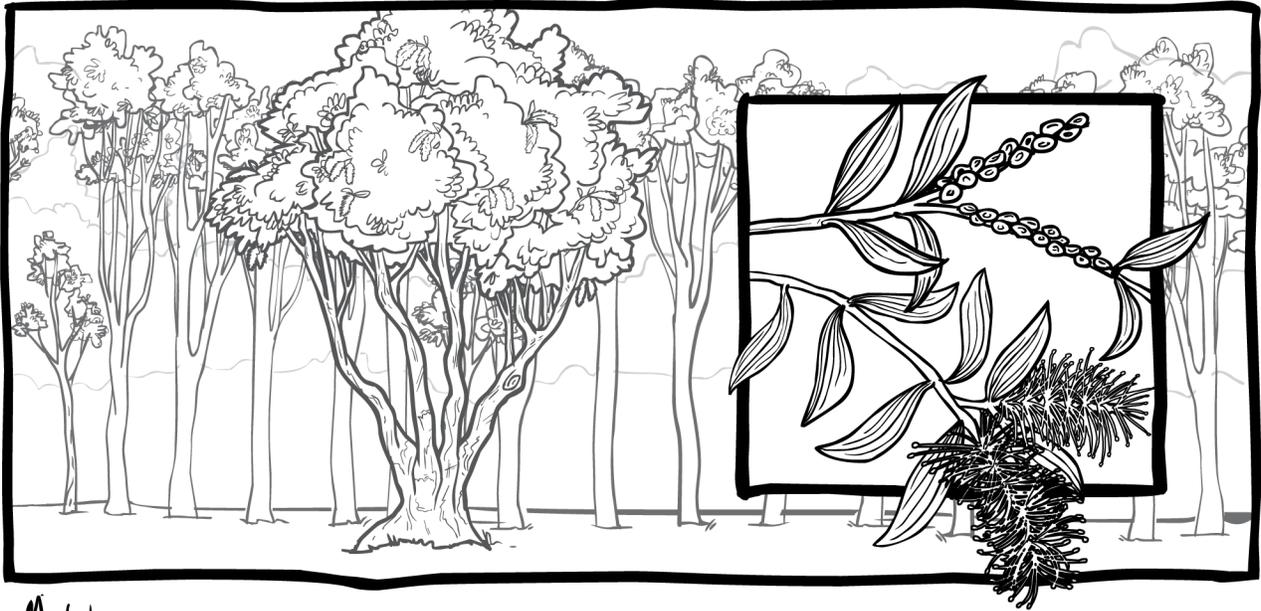
## Instant ID

- Evergreen tree up to 100 feet tall
- Papery bark that flakes easily
- Narrow leaves four inches long and 3/4 inch wide
- Creamy white “bottle brush” flowers
- Small fruits are clustered around the stem and match the color of the stem

## Hijacked Habitats

- Native to Australia
- Introduced to Florida as an ornamental in 1906
- Grows in wet and dry environments
- Found in central and south Florida
- Rapidly colonizing portions of the Everglades





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## Plant Particulars

- A single fruit can contain 200 to 300 seeds
- Also known as the punktree or cajeput tree
- Flowers and fruits year-round
- Crushed leaves smell like camphor oil

## Population Prevention

- Fast and dense growth leads to the displacement (replacement) of native plants
- Florida Noxious Weed List Rule 5B-57.007 states it is “unlawful to introduce, multiply, possess, move, or release” this species
- For removal information, visit [www.plants.ifas.ufl.edu](http://www.plants.ifas.ufl.edu)

