Wild Coffee

(Psychotria nervosa)



Wild Coffee is a native to Florida and is a nice native plant for home gardens. It can reach heights of 10-15 feet. What we see at Barefoot is known as Shiny-Leafed Wild Coffee. This shrub can tolerate sun as well as shade. The narrow spear-shaped leaves with conspicuous veins give an overall wrinkled appearance. The delicate, tiny, tubular white flowers usually bloom during the warm months of the year. In late summer and fall, the blooms will be followed by small red berries that are an important food source for cardinals, catbirds, mockingbirds, blue jays, and other animals. Although it is related to Arabica coffee, this species is <u>not</u> recommended for human consumption.

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