

UPLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: EXOTIC INVADERS

A. DESCRIPTION:

Invasions of *Melaleuca*, *Schinus*, *Casuarina*, and *Rhodomyrtus* in areas where the physical or floral elements of the native habitat have been disturbed or altered.

B. FUNCTION:

WILDLIFE HABITAT
BIOTIC DIVERSITY
STABILIZATION
ENERGY CONSERVATION

UNIQUE FEATURE
LANDSCAPE
RECREATION
AESTHETICS

FLOOD PROTECTION
WATER QUALITY
WATER QUANTITY
CLIMATE MODIFIER

C. SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ENDANGERED FLORA
ENDANGERED FAUNA
✓ SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

LIMITED RESOURCE
REGIONAL RESOURCE
UNIQUE FEATURE

JURISDICTIONAL
SEASONAL FLOOD

D. COMMENTS:

A major threat to the ecological integrity of the invaded and adjacent habitats throughout South Florida.

E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

TREES (UPPER STORY)

1. Australian pine (*Casuarina spp*)
2. Punk tree (*Melaleuca leucadendron*)
3. Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthefolius*)
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SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

1. Downy rose myrtle (*Rhodomyrtus tomentosus*)
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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

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