

Brazilian peppertree, or *Schinus terebinthifolia*, was introduced into the United States in the 1840's. It is now one of the most invasive plants in the state of Florida. Its dense canopy will overtake and engulf other plants both on land and in water. It provides a poor habitat for native fauna. It is illegal to sell or purposely plant this tree. Brazilian pepper is in the same family as poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac, so those sensitive to these plants may be sensitive to Brazilian peppertrees, as well. We have been removing these nuisance plants from Pine Run for the last several years, and we still have many on the property. We will continue in our quest to eliminate this pest from our environment.

