

Camphor Tree



The Camphor tree, or *Cinnamomum camphora*, is a Schedule I invasive for northern and central Florida. It is native to Asia and was introduced to Florida in 1875. Its shiny black berries are eaten by birds, who help spread the seeds. It is overtaking areas, and endangering native trees. It can easily be identified by crushing the leaves, releasing the strong smell of Camphor. To prevent further spread, it must be removed from the landscape.