

Carrotwood trees, or *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* is a Category 1 invasive tree found throughout Pine Run. It was first introduced to this area in



1968 and became a popular ornamental landscape tree throughout the 1970's and early 1980's. It produces many orange berries which are carried and spread by wind and birds. By 1990, it was evident that it was invading hammock and dune areas, creating a monoculture that crowds out native plants. It has been especially harmful in destroying mangroves, which are crucial habitats for wading and diving birds. Our many Carrotwoods are on the list of Pine Run trees to be removed. New trees are seeding all over Pine Run. It is important that we have the help of residents in removing these small seedlings. If they are small, they can be pulled right out with your hand. A trowel will easily uproot slightly larger trees.

Once a tree becomes established, it requires the expense of a tree removal company, and the application of chemicals to keep it from growing back. Pictured below are images of carrotwood trees at various stages. Please keep your eye out for small seedlings and help protect our native flora and fauna by removing this noxious weed.