

Rosary Pea

Rosary pea, or *Arbrus prectorious*, is a winding vine that forms a seed pod with red and black seeds. The seeds contain a substance that is very toxic to humans if ingested but does not affect birds. It is native to India



and was introduced into Florida as an ornamental plant. Because it has displaced native plants by growing over small trees and shrubs, it is now categorized as a Category 1 invasive in Florida and is a prohibited plant. Unfortunately, at some point it was brought into Pine Run, and we have an abundance of it. It is one of the vines which volunteers are actively trying to remove from our community.