

Check for TSA on roadsides and in pasturelands; fields; ditchbanks; oak, cypress, and citrus groves; and other fertile areas. Report any suspicious plants to:



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DON'T SPREAD TROPICAL SODA APPLE



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Tropical soda apple (TSA) is an exotic, noxious weed that invades pastureland and reduces the grazing area for livestock. Weed infestations exist in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi.

TSA is a perennial shrub that stands 3 to 6 feet tall with thornlike prickles on both the top and bottom of the leaves, the leafstalks, and the stem. TSA produces unripe green-and-white-striped berries and mature yellow berries, as well as flowers with five white petals and white-to-cream-colored stamens.

TSA infestations are spread through the movement of livestock and other wild animals that feed on the berries and carry the seeds in their digestive tracts. TSA also spreads through movement of composted manure, hay, and seeds that are relocated to uninfested areas.