

Eugenia rhombea

CARE GUIDE

The Red Stopper (*Eugenia rhombea*) is a slow growing small shrub with deep purple fruit and diamond shaped leaves. Pollinators and foragers alike love the fragrant flowers and tasty fruit.

Sun	Water	Habitat
partial shade, partial sun	Well drained soil with minimal watering once established.	Rockland hammocks, native to Florida



Eugenia rhombea - Red Stopper

Also known as spiceberry for its orange and black edible fruits, Red Stopper makes a great accent shrub or small tree that can also be used as a buffer plant. White, semi-showing flowers are produced year-round but peak during summer months.

Red Stopper's ease of cultivation makes it abundant in nurseries around Southeastern Florida. Due to habitat destruction, it is unfortunately rarely seen in its native habitat throughout the Miami-Dade and Monroe counties of Florida. Planting *Eugenia rhombea* in your home garden may ensure its survival.

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This species prefers moist, well drained limestone soils but can withstand periods of drought. It has a low salt tolerance and is affected by salt spray.

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Typically reaching 8 - 12 ft., Red Stopper grows with a single, erect trunk but can be encouraged in nurseries to develop multiple trunks.

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