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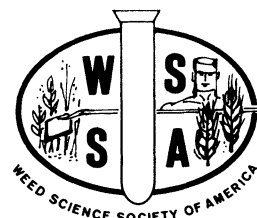
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Bottom: Close-up of individual clumps of tropical soda apple.

“Tropical Soda Apple (*Solanum viarum*): A New Threat in Subtropical Regions” is the third in a series of new Weed Alert! reports published in *Weed Technology* (see two articles on the subject later in this issue).

This broadleaf perennial weed has invaded pastures and replaced native plants in rangeland throughout south Florida. Introduced from Brazil and Argentina, weed populations have dramatically increased since 1990, primarily from seed dispersal. Numerous prickles on the plant make it unpalatable to livestock and wildlife, though these animals will eat the fruit and disperse the seed.

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