

# Sea Grapes

## Can I Trim Them ?



- Sea grapes are a native South Florida plant commonly found growing along the coast.
- They have adapted to survive in the harsh beach/dune environment by being wind resistant as well as salt and drought tolerant.
- Sea grapes are a key element of the beach/dune system, provide habitat for wildlife, and protect sea turtles.
- They stabilize the sand dune as wind driven sand gets caught by their large leaves accumulating below in their limbs and stalks.
- Sea grapes act as a wind break and have been found to have a medium to high resistance to hurricane force winds.
- Their canopy creates shelter from for wildlife, their fruits provide a source of food for many birds and mammals, and they are a nectar plant for many native butterflies.
- Sea grapes act as a natural barrier blocking out artificial light that can distract and disorient nesting sea turtles and hatchlings.
- **SEA GRAPES ARE PROTECTED IN FLORIDA!** Know the rules before you trim or cut [www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/publications/pdf/trim-gdl.pdf](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/beaches/publications/pdf/trim-gdl.pdf)



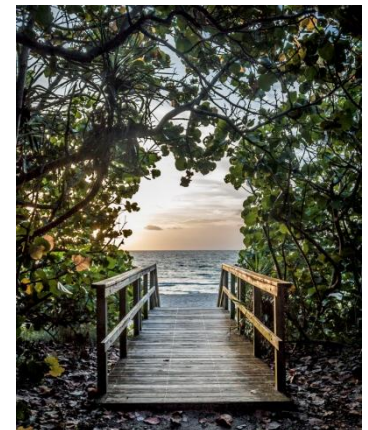
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