

## Duranta erecta L.

## Family: Verbenaceae

Common name: Golden dewdrop

Vernacular name: മാണിക്ക്യചെമ്പഴുക്ക

Nativity: Mexico to South America and the Caribbean

Habit: Tree

Habitat: Florida to Brazil and in West Indies

IUCN Status: Least Concerned

**Keynotes:** Duranta erecta is a sprawling shrub or a small tree. It can grow to 6 m tall and can spread to an equal width. Mature specimens possess axillary thorns, which are often absent on younger specimens. The leaves are light green, elliptic to ovate, opposite, and grow up to 7.5 cm long and 3.5 cm broad, with a 1.5 cm petiole.

**Uses:** one of the traditional medicinal plants. It has been shown to possess antimicrobial, antioxidant, and insecticide properties.



## References

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