**Rare Plants of Louisiana**

**Scaevola plumieri – ink-berry**  
Goodenia Family (Goodeniaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** SH/G5 (Historical for LA)

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**Range:** FL, LA, TX; widespread in tropical America, Africa, and southern India

**Recognition:**
- A succulent, evergreen shrub with many branches, up to 1.2 m tall (but usually smaller)
- Stems spreading under the sand, forming colonies
- Leaves large (up to 7 cm), fleshy, glossy green, clustered near the tips of stems, widest above the middle
- Flowers white or pinkish, fan-shaped, few and occurring in the leaf axils
- Fruit is a black, juicy drupe, 1 to 2.5 cm long

**Flowering Time:**  
Potentially year-round – this is tropical plant and its persistence in LA is not known – it may be an occasional member of our flora

**Light Requirement:** Full sun to part shade

**Wetland Indicator Status:**  
FAC – similar likelihood of occurring in both wetlands and non-wetlands

**Habitat:**  
High energy dry sand beaches. *Scaevola plumieri* has not been recorded in LA since the 1930s where it was collected on Grande Isle (or Timbalier? – label ambiguous) and along Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River.

**Threats:**
- Shoreline erosion
- Contamination by chemicals or industrial discharge
- Trampling by humans and livestock, to include vehicular traffic

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
- Shoreline or island stabilization
- Protect beaches from degradation by humans and livestock
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LA River Basins: Pontchartrain, Mississippi, Barataria

References:


