

Ruellia Elegans

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Ruellia Elegans Latest News

A new study has flagged the threat to native biodiversity from a botanical Brazilian beauty *Ruellia elegans*.

About Ruellia Elegans

- It derives its name from its pleasing **appearance or elegance** is **native to Brazil**.
- It is predominantly **thriving in wet tropical biome**.
- It is commonly known as the **Brazilian petunia, Christmas pride, elegant Ruellia, red Ruellia, and wild petunia**.
- It is one of four **invasive species** of the **Acanthoideae sub-family** in India, the others being **Ruellia ciliatiflora, Ruellia simplex, and Ruellia tuberosa**.
- It was introduced in the **Andaman Islands**, apart from Jamaica and Puerto Rico.
- Beyond the Andaman Islands, the invasive plant was recorded from Odisha almost a decade ago.

Impacts of Invasive Species on Biodiversity

- Invasive plant species are a problem because they can rapidly spread and outcompete native plants for resources like sunlight, water, and nutrients.
- They disrupt ecosystems by **altering biodiversity, impacting wildlife habitats, and potentially causing the decline or extinction** of native species, often leading to significant economic and environmental damage.

Ruellia Elegans FAQs

Q1: Where do ruellia grow best?

Ans: Ruellia grows well in our humid Southern climate

Q2: What is Ruellia used for?

Ans: For the treatment of flu, asthma, fever, bronchitis, high blood pressure, eczema, and diabetes.

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