

CAYMAN ISLANDS WILD TREES, SHRUBS, VINES & WILD FLOWERS associated with **Christmas**



Christmas Berry

Allophylus cominia var. *caymanensis*
Family: SAPINDACEAE

The variety is **endemic** to the Cayman Islands.
Small bright red fruits around Christmas time.



Christmas Blossom *Lepidaploa divaricata*

syn. *Vernonia divaricata*
Family: ASTERACEAE

Shrub native to the Cayman Islands & Jamaica

Bleeding Heart, Starlight,
Ground Dove Berry,
Wild Poinsettia

Euphorbia cyathophora

Family: EUPHORBIACEAE



Lancewood *Randia aculeata*

Family: RUBIACEAE

Shrub or small tree, Florida, West Indies
& Mexico to Venezuela



Rosemary *Croton linearis*

Family: EUPHORBIACEAE

Aromatic shrub, Florida, Bahamas & Greater Antilles,
except Puerto Rico. It was used as a broom to sweep
the interior of the house.



Sorrel *Hibiscus sabdariffa*

Family: MALVACEAE

Shrubby annual, native to the Old
World tropics, now widely cultivated.
A traditional drink at Christmas time.



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Star of Bethlehem

Jasminum fluminense

Family: OLEACEAE

Scrambling shrub or vine, native of
tropical Africa, now widely
naturalized (grows in the wild) in the
American tropics. Fragrant at night,
the Cayman common name is
associated with Christmas.

scientific name in blue
indicates salt-tolerant plant



Casuarina, Weeping Willow, Australian Pine

Casuarina equisetifolia Family: CASUARINACEAE

native of Australia, naturalized in most warm countries