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Appearance: Robust perennial grass from stolons. Stems floating, creeping, or ascending to 1 m (3 ft) or more in height; sparingly branched, rooting at the lower nodes; stems pithy, not hollow.

Leaves: Sheaths glabrous but with hairs on upper margins; ligule a membrane. Leaf blades flat, to 35 cm (14 in) long and to 4 cm (1.6 in) wide; cordate at the base and clasping the stem (amplexicaul); glabrous but with long hairs on lower margins.

Flowers: In a spike-like, densely flowered panicle, to 26 cm (10 in) long and ~1 cm (0.4 in) wide; spikelets short-stalked.

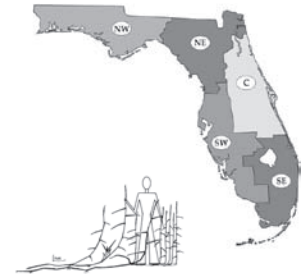
Fruit: 3–4 mm (0.12 – 0.16 in) long.

Ecological threat:

Displacing native maidencane communities; colonizing, and becoming difficult to control along drainage canals of south central Florida.

FLEPPC Category I

Distribution: C, SW, SE



Field Notations

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