

Tradescantia fluminensis small-leaf spiderwort



Appearance: Creeping, trailing, sub-succulent perennial herb, much branched, with branch tips erect; often forming dense ground cover; prostrate stems rooting freely at nodes.

Leaves: Parallel-veined, alternate, simple, all glossy green or tinged with purple below; leaf blades arising from short, closed sheaths (tops often ciliate); blades to 5 cm (2 in) long and 2 cm (0.75 in) wide, oblong to ovate, with tips pointed; glabrous or with ciliate margins.

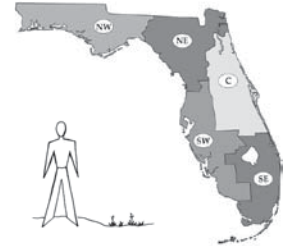
Flowers: White, in small clusters at stem tips, subtended by 1-3 leaf-like bracts similar in size and form to stem leaves; 3 sepals and petals, separate; sepals usually with a line of hairs; 6 stamens, white bearded; ovary 3-celled, 6-seeded.

Fruit: Small, 3-parted capsules; seeds black, pitted.

Ecological threat:

Forms dense monocultural ground cover, smothering native ground cover and seedlings of overstory species. FLEPPC Category I

Distribution: NW, NE, C, SW



Field Notations

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