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**Appearance:** Robust, reed-like perennial to 3 m (10 ft) tall, forming clumps from short, coarse rhizomes. Stems often branched and filled with soft pith.

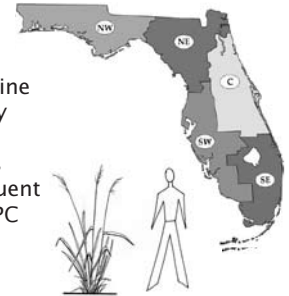
**Leaves:** Sheaths 10-25 cm (4-10 in) long, smooth, shining, clasping, woolly at the top with a line of collar hairs and ligule of hairs. Blades linear, flat or involute, 20-100 cm (8-39 in) long and 8-25 mm (0.3-1 in) wide, glabrous below, sparsely short-hairy above, with margins smooth or rough and midvein inconspicuous; blades often deciduous from sheaths.

**Flowers:** In a large, terminal, hairy, branched panicle; spikelets with 5-10 florets; florets hairy, with a short awn between two terminal teeth.

**Fruit:** 1.5-3 mm long, narrowly elliptic.

### **Ecological threat:**

Able to colonize marginal and undisturbed habitats once established in an area. Now well established in the globally rare pine rockland habitats of Dade County and viewed as a threat to rare species there, especially since its high flammability promotes frequent fires, enhancing its spread. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** SW, SE

### **Field Notations**

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