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**Appearance:** Perennial grass to 1 m (3 ft) tall, from sturdy, vigorous, widely creeping or floating rhizomes; overlapping brownish to white scales and rigid sharp-pointed (torpedo-like) growing tips.

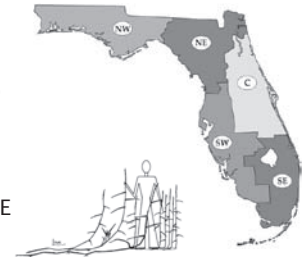
**Leaves:** Aerial stems erect or leaning; lower portions often wrapped in bladeless sheaths. Upper leaf sheaths glabrous or hairy, usually at least with hairs on upper margins; ligule a short-ciliate membrane; leaf blades stiff, linear, flat or folded, to 26 cm (10 in) long and 5.3 mm (0.3 in) wide.

**Flowers:** In an open panicle with spreading branches; spikelets stalked, whitish, 2.2–2.8 mm (0.75–1 in) long, smooth.

**Fruit:** 1.8–2.7 mm (0.4–1 in) long, broadly ellipsoid.

**Ecological threat:**

Quickly forms monocultures that displace native vegetation, particularly in or near shallow waters. FLEPPC Category I



**Distribution:** NW, NE, C, SW, SE

**Field Notations**

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