

# *Cyperus alopecuroides*

## FOXTAIL FLATSEGE

### *Cyperaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** -

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

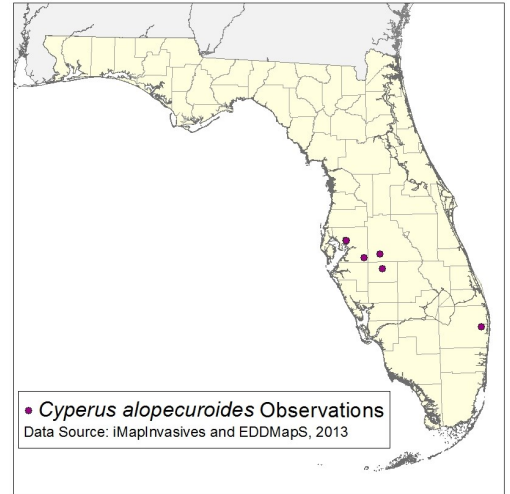
**IFAS Assessment**

North -  
Central -  
South -

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** N/A

**Growth Habit:** Graminoid

**Origin:** Old and New World tropics



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**Description:** Large, perennial, rhizomatous, sedge. Culms triangular and glabrous to 3.5 m tall. Leaves broad to 1.5 m tall, margins serrated and sharp. Inflorescence branched with densely clustered spikes (golden brown) surrounded by broad bracts up to 2 m long. Flowers in summer. Achenes dark brown, sessile, biconvex with 2 stigmas.

**Habitat:** Wet disturbed sites

**Comments:** IFAS notes: "rarely found in wet, disturbed sites in Hillsborough, Polk, and Hardee counties".

**Florida Introduction Date:** 1996

#### **Control Methods:**

No specific recommendations available, herbaceous plants can generally be treated with foliar application of glyphosate.

\*\*Follow herbicide labels: Only herbicides registered for application in water by EPA and FDACS may be applied to weeds growing in or near water.

#### **Useful Resources:**

Flora of North America Editorial Committee, eds. 1993+. Flora of North America North of Mexico. 16+ vols. New York and Oxford.

IFAS, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants. 2013. Foxtail flatsedge. <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/117>. Accessed on December 6, 2013.