

Microstegium vimineum

JAPANESE STILT GRASS

Poaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

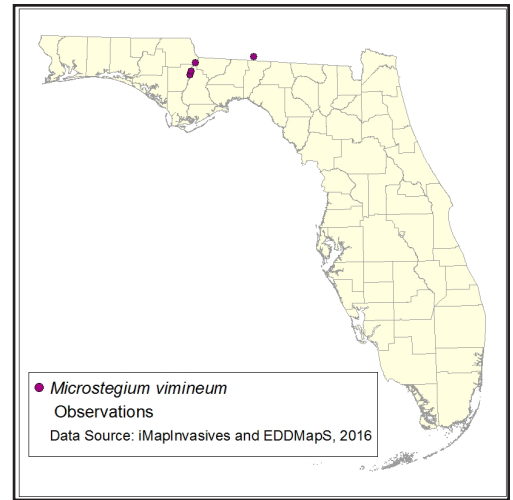
IFAS Assessment

North	INVASIVE
Central	INVASIVE
South	INVASIVE

USDA Hardiness Zone: 5-11

Growth Habit: Graminoid

Origin: Asia



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Description: An annual or perennial grass, up to 1m tall, and capable of rooting at each node. The leaf blades have a distinctive silver-white stripe down the midrib. Ligule is membranous. Produces flowers in the late summer and seeds shortly thereafter.

Note: Looks similar to *Leersia virginica*, a grass native to north and central Florida, which lacks the blade stripe.

Habitat: Extremely variable habitats from wet to dry and shaded to full sun

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1973

Control Methods:

No specific treatments available.

Useful Resources:

Grass Manual on the Web: <http://herbarium.usu.edu/webmanual/default.htm>