

# *Praxelis clematidea*

PRAXELIS

Asteraceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

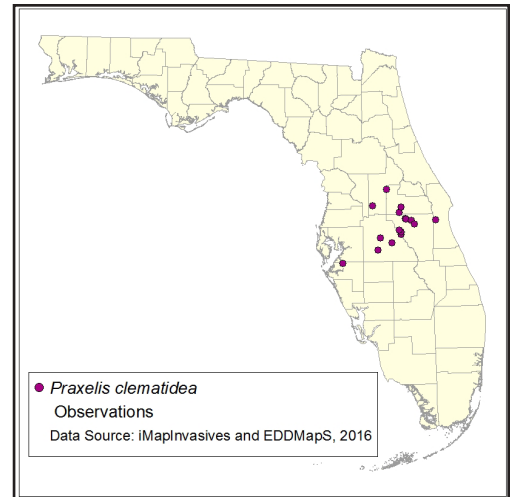
**IFAS Assessment**

North -  
Central -  
South -

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** N/A

**Growth Habit:** Herb or suffruticent

**Origin:** South America



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**Description:** A perennial aster that grows to 1.3 m tall. Leaves are opposite, hairy, coarsely toothed, and emit an odor similar to minty cat urine when crushed. Leaf blades are ovate with an acute tip, up to 8 cm long and 5 cm wide. The lower surface is gland-dotted. Flowers are small and bluish purple, clustered into discoid heads. with clusters of small bluish purple flowers.

**Note:** Similar in appearance to *Ageratum* and *Conoclinium* species that occur in central and southern Florida.

**Habitat:** Prefers disturbed, dry habitats including orange groves, road shoulders and pine plantations.

**Comments:**

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 2006

**Control Methods:**

No specific recommendations available.

**Useful Resources:**

Weed Risk Assessment for *Praxelis clematidea*: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/weeds/downloads/wra/Praxelis\\_clematidea.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/weeds/downloads/wra/Praxelis_clematidea.pdf)