

Rottboellia cochinchinensis

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Poaceae

Common Synonyms: none

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: Yes

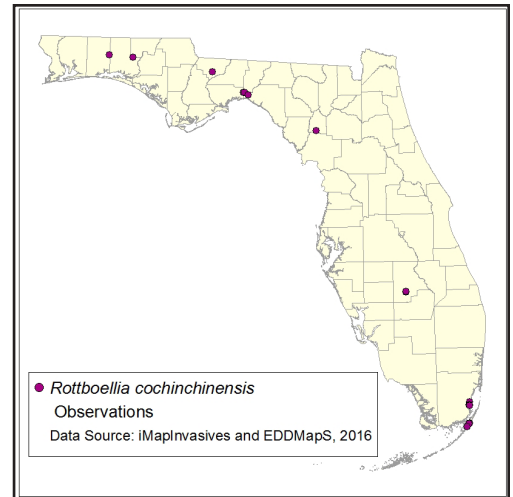
IFAS Assessment

North	PROHIBITED
Central	PROHIBITED
South	PROHIBITED

USDA Hardiness Zone: N/A

Growth Habit: Graminoid

Origin: Southeast Asia



USDA APHIS PPQ - Oxford, North Carolina, USDA APHIS PPQ, Bugwood.org

Description: Annual grass with stems and leaves covered with stiff, irritating hairs. Culms develop prop roots from the lower nodes. Stems can reach 3 m in height. Leaf blades are flat and up to 45 cm in length and 2 cm wide, with very rough margins. Ligules are short, brown, and fringed with hairs. Inflorescence is a cylindrical raceme, 3 to 15 cm long, that breaks apart into segments at maturity.

Habitat: Prefers disturbed, dry habitats including road shoulders, railways, and agricultural fields.

Comments:

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1959

Control Methods:

No specific recommendations available

Useful Resources:

IFAS Invasive Plant Assessment (<http://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/assessments/rottboellia-cochinchinensis/>)

Invasive Species Compendium (<http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/47782>)