

Dianella ensifolia

CERULEAN FLAXLILY

Hemerocallidaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

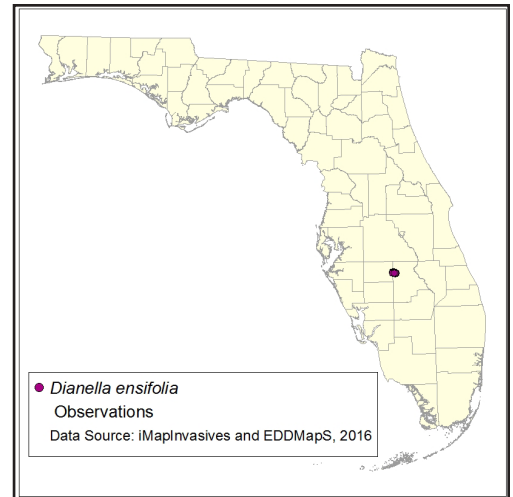
IFAS Assessment

North	INVASIVE
Central	INVASIVE
South	INVASIVE

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9b - 11

Growth Habit: Herb

Origin: Asia and Africa



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Description: Leaf blades 50-80 cm tall, finely serrated, basal sheath purple. Inflorescence a panicle 10-15 cm tall with light blue flowers. Fruits succulent, violet-blue berry with shiny, black seeds.

Habitat: Scrub, wet prairie, moist hammock, mostly in disturbed areas

Florida Introduction Date: at least 1962

Control Methods: .

Chemical: Biannual foliar treatment (imazapyr 3.2 gal/L), metsulfuron (0.08 g/L). Must follow-up regularly with spot treatments (Hutchinson, et al.).

Useful Resources:

Flora of North America Editorial Committee, eds. 1993+. Flora of North America North of Mexico. 16+ vols. New York and Oxford. Hutchinson, J.T., E.A. Gandy, and K.A. Langeland. 2011. Herbicide management of umbrella Dracaena (*Dianella ensifolia*) in a Florida State Park. *Invasive Plant Science and Management* 4: 349-355.

Comments: Common landscape plant but so far only vouchered from Manatee, Highlands, and Dade Co, maybe possible to prevent establishment. Propagated via seed or vegetatively by rhizomes. Seeds dispersed by birds.