

Rottboellia cochinchinensis

ITCH GRASS

Poaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: Yes

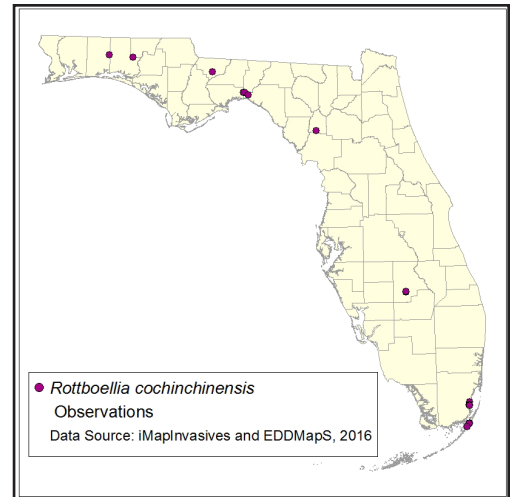
IFAS Assessment

North	PROHIBITED
Central	PROHIBITED
South	PROHIBITED

USDA Hardiness Zone: N/A

Growth Habit: Graminoid

Origin: Southeast Asia



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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.

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1959

Control Methods: Mechanical: Small patches of itchgrass may be removed by hand..

Useful Resources:

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

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