

## REDMARGIN ZEPHYRLILY

*Zephyranthes simpsonii* Chapman

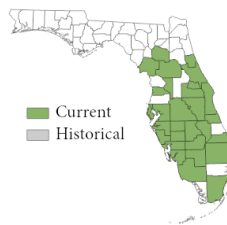
**Synonyms:** none

**Family:** Amaryllidaceae (amaryllis)

**FNAI Ranks:** G2G3/S2S3

**Legal Status:** US-none FL-Threatened

**Wetland Status:** US-FAC+ FL-FAC



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**Field Description:** Showy, lily-like flower arising from a perennial underground bulb. The single terminal flower bears 6 large white to pinkish petals. Leaves are linear, arising at the base of the plant, up to 4 mm wide.

**Similar Species:** Redmargin zephyrlily is distinguished from atamasco lily (*Z. atamasca*) by its shorter style and stigma. In redmargin lily the style and stigma are shorter than the stamens, while in atamasco lily they are much longer.

**Related Rare Species:** Easter lily (*Zephyranthes atamasca* var. *treatiae*) and Atamasco lily (*Zephyranthes atamasca* var. *atamasca*), both state-threatened, have a style and stigmas extending beyond the anthers.

**Habitat:** Wet flatwoods and meadows. Also in ditches and wet pastures; often in burned over areas.

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**Best Survey Season:** Spring.

**Range-wide Distribution:** US Southeast coastalplain, most of range falls in Florida in the central and south peninsula.

**Conservation Status:** Sixteen populations have been mapped, but one is likely extirpated. All mapped locations are on public or conservation lands.

**Protection and Management:** Control exotics in wet flatwoods/prairies and in shallow roadside ditches. Protect plants from poaching. Avoid soil disturbance, but plants are very tolerant of mowing. Prescribed fire will benefit plants by reducing competition.

**References:** Wunderlin and Hansen 2011, Wunderlin 1982, Hall 1993,