

Commelina benghalensis

BENGHAL DAYFLOWER

Commelinaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: Yes

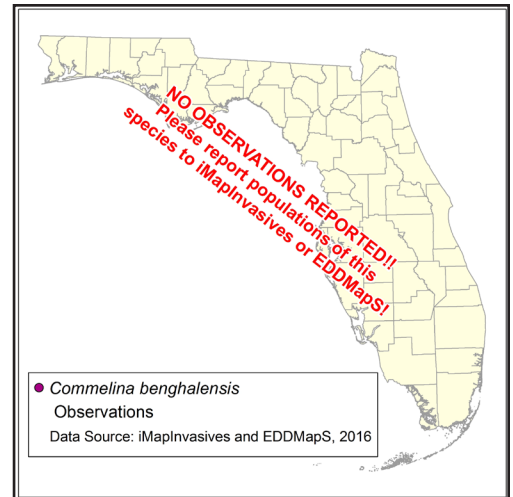
IFAS Assessment

North	PROHIBITED
Central	PROHIBITED
South	PROHIBITED

USDA Hardiness Zone: 8-11

Growth Habit: Herb

Origin: Africa, Asia, Pacific



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Description: An annual or perennial creeping herb which readily roots at the nodes. Leaves are ovate to elliptical to 4cm long and 2.5cm wide with a base narrowed into a petiole. Flowers have 3 lilac-blue petals 3-4 cm long, the lower one smaller and whitish. Also produces white underground rhizomes with reduced leaves and modified flowers which produce subterranean seeds.

Note: Distinguished from other *Commelina* species by its lilac flowers (not deep blue) and the underground flowers which appear as root nodes.

Habitat: A wide variety of disturbed habitats particularly a weed in agricultural fields

Comments: Found in wet and dry conditions.

Florida Introduction Date: Earliest Florida herbarium specimen from 1928

Control Methods:

Becoming resistant to glyphosate so a soil active herbicide can be used when conditions are appropriate.

Useful Resources:

Invasive Species Compendium (<http://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/14977>)