

Dianella ensifolia

CERULEAN FLAXLILY

Hemerocallidaceae

Common Synonyms: *none*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

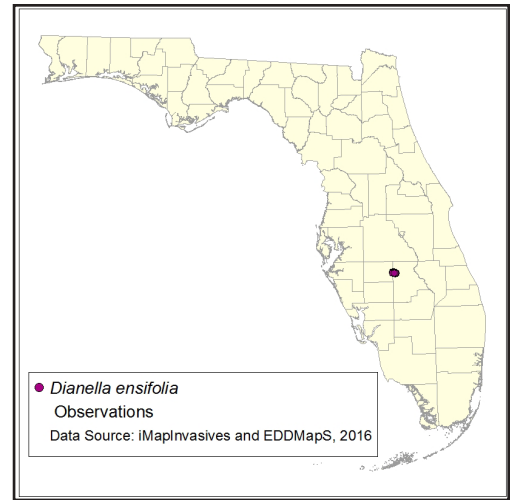
IFAS Assessment

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

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.

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:

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