Agave sisalana
SISAL HEMP
Agavaceae

Common Synonyms: none

FLEPPC Category: 2
FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No
IFAS Assessment
North OK
Central CAUTION
South CAUTION

USDA Hardiness Zone: 9B - 11
Growth Habit: Shrub
Origin: Mexico

Description: Perennial shrub to 2 m tall with rigid, sword-like leaves extending from basal rosette. Leaves 10 cm wide and up to 1.5 m long with sharp dark brown spine at end, grey-green in color. A branched inflorescence forms atop a flower stalk 7-9 m tall with yellowish-green flowers to 7 cm wide. Fruit an oblong capsule with black seeds. Plants usually sterile and die after blooming once. Small plantlets (bulbils) form in inflorescence that fall to ground after flowering and form new plants.

Habitat: Coastal uplands, scrub, scrubby flatwoods, pine rockland, disturbed sites

Florida Introduction Date: 1836
Control Methods: .

Useful Resources:

Comments: Vouchered in many south and central counties, possible EDRR candidate where not well established since slow spreading. Bulbils are water dispersed.