Commelina benghalensis
BENGHAL DAYFLOWER
Commelinaceae

Common Synonyms: none

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:
UofF / IFAS EDIS: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ag230

Comments: Found in wet and dry conditions.

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.