**Cyperus alopecuroides**
**FOXTAIL FLATSEDGE**
*Cyperaceae*

Common Synonyms: none

**FLEPPC Category:** -  
**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No  
**IFAS Assessment**  
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**USDA Hardiness Zone:** N/A  
**Growth Habit:** Graminoid  
**Origin:** Old and New World tropics

**Observations**

**Data Source:** Mapinvaweeds and EDDMapS, 2016

**Description:** Large, perennial, rhizomatous, sedge. Culms triangular and glabrous to 3.5 m tall. Leaves broad to 1.5 m tall, margins serrated and sharp. Inflorescence branched with densely clustered spikes (golden brown) surrounded by broad bracts up to 2 m long. Flowers in summer. Achenes dark brown, sessile, biconvex with 2 stigmas.

**Habitat:** Wet disturbed sites

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**Florida Introduction Date:** 1996  
**Control Methods:** -  
**Useful Resources:**  

**Comments:** IFAS notes: “rarely found in wet, disturbed sites in Hillsborough, Polk, and Hardee counties”.

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