Ipomoea aquatica
WATER-SPINACH
Convolvulaceae

Common Synonyms: none

FLEPPC Category: 1
FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No
IFAS Assessment
North PROHIBITED
Central PROHIBITED
South PROHIBITED

USDA Hardiness Zone: 7a - 11
Growth Habit: Herbaceous
aquatic vine

Description: Herbaceous, aquatic vine with milky sap. Stalked leaves alternate, arrowhead shaped. Showy tubular flowers, white, to 5 cm. Fruit an oval woody capsule, 1 cm wide with 1-4 grayish seeds.

Habitat: Shallow water in ponds, lakes and rivers

Florida Introduction Date: pre-1950
Control Methods: Chemical: Foliar (2,4-D or 2.4.5-T applied at 1000 ppmw, Misra and Das).

Useful Resources:

Comments: Cultivated for edible greens. Forms dense floating mats that shade out submersed plants.