**Pseudelephantopus spicatus**

**DOGSTONGUE**

*Asteraceae*

Common Synonyms: *Elephantopus spicatus*

FLEPPC Category: -

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

IFAS Assessment

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USDA Hardiness Zone: N/A

Growth Habit: Perennial herb

Origin: Tropical America

**Description:** Herb 40-100 cm tall, rootstock creeping. Stems erect, branched, tough. Leaves subsessile, slightly clasping the stem, variable in size. Lower leaves oblong-obovate or oblong-spatulate, 7-20 × 1-5 cm, bottom especially hirtellous on veins and densely glandular, top scabrid, sparsely scabrid hairy or subglabrous and glandular, base attenuate, margin entire or remotely serrate, apex obtuse or shortly acute. Upper leaves oblong-lanceolate, 2.5-11.5 × 0.5-1.5 cm, attenuate at both ends. Inflorescence arranged in terminal spikes. Flower heads in clusters, 4 florets per head. Floret corolla white, subtubular, lobes 5, lanceolate. Achenes linear-oblong, ca. 6 mm long, 10-ribbed, densely setose, glandular between ribs (Flora of China).

**Habitat:** disturbed hammocks

**Florida Introduction Date:** earliest herbarium record from Florida in 1965

**Control Methods:**
Chemical: Sensitive to picloram and dicamba, moderately so to triclopyr and metsulfuron (Motooka, et al.).

**Useful Resources:**

**Comments:**